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The Honorable Dean Heller United States Senate 324 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510 The Honorable Bob Casey United States Senate 393 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Heller and Senator Casey:

On behalf of the men and women of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) and our auxiliaries, we offer our support for the 21st Century Veterans Benefits Delivery Act. This legislation provides veterans with information they need to understand the claims process and encourages the Department of Veterans Affairs to improve their practices in order to process claims more quickly.

This bill has well thought out and common sense solutions that will improve the claims system, including improvements to the Transition Assistance Program (TAP), additions to management training and expediting the time it takes for government records to be transferred to VA. This is a thorough, start to finish, bill that will make the claims process better.

We thank you for the consistent oversight you have provided as the VA transforms their system for delivering veterans benefits. We look forward to continuing our collaboration to eliminate the lengthy time veterans have to wait before they receive the disability benefits they have earned from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Sincerely

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