

## WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP FIX, FUND & FULLY STAFF VA HEALTHCARE?

We need to inform ALL veterans, the general public and our Congressional representatives that the VA provides excellent healthcare to veterans and warn them of the danger privatization represents to us.

Call your US representative & senators – tell them –

- Stop the VA MISSION Act's proposed access standards and Stop all efforts to privatize VA healthcare! Fill the 46,000 VA vacancies & fully fund the VA!
- Call 1.833.480.1637 enter your zip code & you will be connected to your congressional office. Please leave a message for your US House representative & then call two more times & leave a message for your US Senators.
- House Representative or Senator: Hello this is \_\_\_\_ & I am a veteran who lives in \_\_\_\_\_. I'm calling to ask you to Stop the VA MISSION Act's proposed access standards & Stop all efforts to privatize VA healthcare. Please fill the 46,000 vacancies at the VA. The VA provides world-class healthcare for our veterans and must be fully funded in the 2020 VA budget. Thank you!

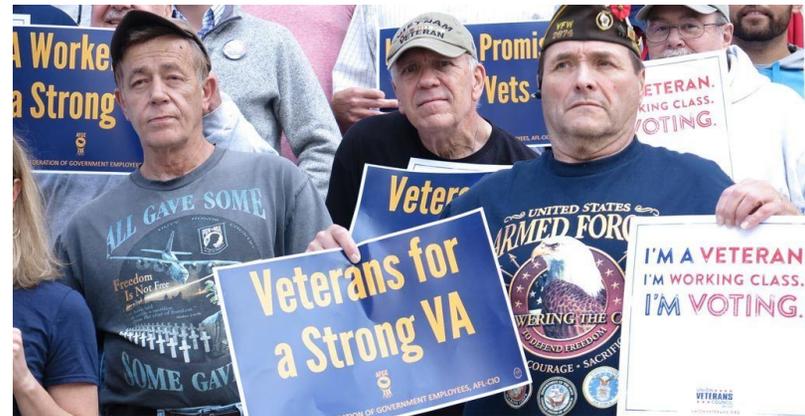


- The Veterans Healthcare Policy Institute is a group of veterans, VA caregivers & policy experts who are the only think tank focusing on veterans' healthcare. Subscribe to their weekly email newsletter that provides great information on the situation veterans face, analysis & discussions of how to fix, fund & fully staff the VA. Check them out on the internet at [www.veteranspolicy.org](http://www.veteranspolicy.org).

# SAVE OUR VA!

## VETERANS SAY CONGRESS MUST STOP THE VA MISSION ACT'S PROPOSED ACCESS STANDARDS & STOP ALL EFFORTS FOR PRIVATIZATION OF VA HEALTHCARE

### WE CALL ON CONGRESS TO FIX, FUND & FULLY STAFF VA HEALTHCARE



Milwaukee VA Employees Protest Privatization of VA Healthcare and Call on Congress to Fully Fund the VA, Oct. 2016.

## STOP PRESIDENT TRUMP'S VA UNION BUSTING!

### **SAVE OUR VA ACTION TEAM Join Us in the Fight to Save Our VA**

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**VA HEALTHCARE IS BEING PRIVATIZED BY PRESIDENT TRUMP & HIS ALLIES WHO SEEK TO SEND MILLIONS OF VETERANS TO PRIVATE**

**SECTOR DOCTORS AND THEREBY UNDERMINE VA HEALTHCARE.** Although Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert Wilkie and members of Congress say they are not trying to privatize healthcare for the nation's 9 million veterans who use it, their actions speak louder than words.

In 2014 the **VA CHOICE Act** opened the doors to outsourcing more and more veterans to private sector doctors and hospitals, rather than use VA healthcare although it costs more and often provides inferior healthcare. Last year Congress passed and Trump signed into law the **2018 VA MISSION Act** that in June will replace Choice outsourcing. On January 30 the VA proposed new access standards for the MISSION Act that allows any veteran who has to travel more than 30 minutes to a hospital or clinic to seek private care. This rule and others encourages millions more veterans to seek healthcare in the private sector. Soon as many as 60% or more of all VA patients will be channeled into seeing private sector doctors and hospitals instead of seeing VA doctors. **WE CALL ON CONGRESS TO STOP THE PROPOSED MISSION ACT ACCESS STANDARDS AND STOP ALL EFFORTS TO PRIVATIZE VA HEALTHCARE! FIX, FULLY FUND, AND FULLY STAFF VA HEALTHCARE.**

**PRIVATIZATION COSTS TAKEN OUT OF VA HEALTHCARE BUDGET:** Every dollar spent on private sector doctors comes directly from the VA budget. This will eventually undermine VA healthcare by forcing hospitals and clinics to close as well as preventing the VA from filling its 46,000 vacancies.

**WE NEED TO SHOUT OUT THAT THE VA IS THE LARGEST, FULLY-INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE SYSTEM IN THE U.S. AND A WORLD-LEADER** in providing veterans safe, high-quality and innovative healthcare. Study after study documents that the quality of VA healthcare is equal, and often superior, to care provided by private sector doctors and hospitals.

**WE NEED TO CHAMPION THE VA BECAUSE IT PROVIDES THE BEST HEALTHCARE ANYWHERE FOR VETERANS.** When surveyed veterans overwhelmingly give positive consumer satisfaction with VA healthcare. More than 86% of veterans say they want continued, uninterrupted care from their VA. All the major veteran's organization support the excellent services provided by the VA and oppose privatization.

**THE VA TRAINS AMERICA'S DOCTORS AND IS A HEALTHCARE RESEARCH POWERHOUSE.** The VA works with the nation's medical schools to train 70% of all physicians in the United States and is a research powerhouse that conducts cutting-edge, evidence-based research to improve the health of veterans and all Americans. Two of its doctors have won the Nobel Prize for medicine.



**STOP PRESIDENT TRUMP'S VA UNION BUSTING** Trump is attempting to silence the voices of VA employees by denying them union representation rights. Their oversight is more critical than ever to help insure that veterans are treated properly and provided the care they deserve.