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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about veteran's health. Privatization of the VA would be disastrous. The Veterans Health Administration twenty years after a major reorganization is the countries most effective health care system with eighty percent of those eligible (including some of my family members) opting for the excellent and comprehensive care the VA provides. You have at times fallen for the Koch brother's advocacy for dismantling the VA. This move is supported only by the few people likely to be handed plum contracts at the expense of our veteran's lives (private hospital owners such as the members of your Commission on Care and their congressmen such as Reps Lamborn and Meadows). It is opposed by those who use the system such as the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion and even the recent Secretary Shulkin, who assured Senators of this in his 100-0 confirmation and again stressed this position in his letter to the times this week.

Please assure me that you will not break the VA.

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our healthy society

Sincerely, Eric Babson