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## Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about veteran's health care. Medical care access in the US has been uneven for decades but Medicare, Medicaid and the Veteran's Administration have long been bright spots. I worry that the upcoming VA rule changes will damage this system. As last month's GAO report highlighted your staffing failures are already taking a toll here with suicides rising while allocations remain unspent. Since then the continued refusal to reveal details of the plans is leaving me as well as many legislators and veteran's groups worried. Your attacks on the affordable care make me wonder if improving the system is even your goal. The most obvious problem would be a system which provides essentially free private health care, starves the veterans affairs system of funds and hands vast sums of public money to private hospitals. Such a system would clearly be scaled back within a couple years leaving the current system in ruins and our veterans with much worse health care than today. Please assure me that you will maintain the veteran's health system.

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our generous veterans benefits.

Sincerely, Eric Babson