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The Honorable Bernie Sanders, Chairman
Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee
412 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable John McCain
241 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Sanders and McCain:

On behalf of the 1.9 million members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) and our Auxiliaries, I want to express the VFW's fullest support for S. 2450, the "Veterans' Access to Care through Choice, Accountability, and Transparency Act of 2014."

Through your strong bipartisan effort, veterans are one step closer to having the access to care they have earned and deserve, and rebuilding faith in the system that is designed to protect them. The veterans' community and Congress have known for some time that patient wait times for appointments were too long, but the extent and seriousness of the backlog of appointments, and the health consequences these long waits were placing on veterans was unknown.

In response to this crisis, both of you worked within your caucus and brought forward solutions, and together you merged the best of those solutions into S. 2450. Now the VFW asks that you use this bipartisan momentum and pass this legislation into law quickly. Veterans do not have time for Congress to bicker or score political points. We strongly urge all of your colleagues to pass this bill now.

Thank you for your dedication to righting this wrong and for your continued work to improve the lives of veterans and their families.

A handwritten note in black ink that reads "Thank you for your leadership!" with a large flourish underneath.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert E. Wallace".

ROBERT E. WALLACE
Executive Director
VFW Washington Office

cc: All U.S. Senators
All VFW State Commanders

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.