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The Honorable Dean Heller  
361A Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510


Dear Senator Heller:

On behalf of the nearly 2 million members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) and our Auxiliaries, I am pleased to offer our support for the “*Accountability for Veterans Act of 2013*.” This legislation would require prompt responses from covered Federal agencies when asked for information necessary to adjudicate claims by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Holding these agencies accountable to submit evidence in a timely manner will help accelerate the claims process by providing VA with the medical information needed to give accurate disability ratings. In addition, it would allow VA to keep veterans better informed about the status of their claims. Any element of the process that is made more transparent, efficient and timely will certainly have a positive impact on the overall quality of care we are able to give to our veterans.

We thank you for your leadership on this issue in support of our nation’s veterans. We look forward to working with you and your staff to ensure the passage of this important legislation.

Sincerely,



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