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WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Jerry Moran this week sponsored legislation to improve and expand health care services for women veterans, specifically those returning from combat in Iraq and Afghanistan. The bill would help the Department of Veterans Affairs address challenges unique to women service members.

"More and more women are answering the call of duty," Moran said. "While care has improved over the years, there remains a gap in services specific to women. This bill will help the VA move forward and determine how to provide the best care possible to our women veterans."

More than 177,000 women have served in Iraq and Afghanistan since September 2001 and more than 25,000 are currently deployed.

The Women Veterans Health Care Improvement Act, H.R. 4107, would do the following:

- Create studies on health care for women veterans who served in Iraq and Afghanistan and barriers to women veterans seeking health care
- Enhance VA sexual trauma programs and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder treatment for women
- Expand family counseling programs
- Establish pilot programs for child care services

The bill has been endorsed by Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans. Moran is a senior member of the House Veterans Affairs Committee. He championed this issue when he previously served as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Health.

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