

12/12/2008 Moran Requests President-Elect Obama Support VA Enrollment for Veterans

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President-Elect Barack Obama

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Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear President-Elect Obama:

As you begin your term as President, I ask you to fulfill your pledge to permit all veterans access to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) health care system.

Since 2003, new Priority Group 8 veterans - those without service-connected disabilities and with certain levels of income - have not been allowed to enroll in VA health care. I believe denying certain categories of veterans access to the care they have earned is wrong. The VA should provide services to all veterans.

While this change may take some time to implement, your support is needed now to advance this process as quickly as possible. For the first time since new enrollments were suspended, the fiscal year 2009 VA-Military Construction spending bill provides funding to increase enrollment of Priority Group 8 veterans by 10 percent. Your support is critical for continuing our efforts to expand VA health care for all veterans.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to working with you to make all Priority 8 veterans eligible for VA care.

Very truly yours,

Jerry Moran