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WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Jerry Moran today announced he will continue to serve on the Veterans' Affairs Committee for the 111th Congress. In the new congressional session, Moran will now serve as the Acting Ranking Member on the Subcommittee on Health. He will also continue serving on the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

"Veterans have already done so much by protecting our country, we must guarantee that they have the services they deserve," Moran said. "Kansas houses a strong military presence, and serving on the Veterans' Affairs Committee gives me the opportunity to oversee the system to determine if we are taking care of our veterans' needs. Congress can always do a better job of providing quality health care and benefits to American veterans, and ensuring that they receive the best care for their service."

The Subcommittee on Health oversees the health care system for the Department of Veterans' Affairs, which serves nearly 250,000 veterans in Kansas. The Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity oversees veterans' issues regarding housing, education and other benefits.

To support those who have served in uniform, Moran will be working to ensure implementation of two important benefits that were approved in 2008. These benefits include; an improved GI Bill to help Iraq and Afghanistan veterans afford an education; and the Rural Veterans Access to Care Act to allow rural Kansas veterans to participate in a demonstration project to obtain health care in their home communities to avoid traveling long distances to Veterans Affairs facilities.

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