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CONGRESSMAN ABRAHAM HAS VETS' BACKS; AFFIRMS NATIONAL VETERANS' BILL OF RIGHTS

National Vets Group Lauds Congressman Ralph Abraham's Service on Vets Affairs; Points to Vets' Bill of Rights as Signs of Continuing Commitment

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Falls Church, Virginia – The nationwide Circle of Friends for American Veterans (COFAV) recognized Congressman Ralph Abraham, M.D. today for his affirmation of its Veterans' Bill of Rights.

Congressman Abraham readily affirmed the Veterans' Bill of Rights (VBOR) and plans to emphasize it in his work in the House of Representatives. He has affirmed through the VBOR that 1) Veterans are a top priority; 2) He supports reducing the wait time on disability claims from the current 202 day average to 125; 3) The VA should negotiate for its procurement services; and 4) The VA should collect all possible insurance claims owed it.

The challenges facing our country's nearly 22 million veterans are many. There are almost 100,000 homeless veterans, nearly 700,000 cases of PTSD & TBI, and 22 veteran suicides each day. According to the Journal of the American Medical Association one half of all veterans returning from a war zone suffer from chronic pain.

"I am committed to improving the lives of our American heroes. These veterans deserve the best care possible, and it is my mission, especially as a member of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to do everything in my power to ensure they get that care," said Congressman Abraham.

Congressman Ralph Abraham is fighting for the rights promised to all those who have served. He has shown through his affirmation that that he is committed to ensuring all veterans experience a healthy and safe transition to civilian life. As a member of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and Chairman of the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, he is in a position to help make this goal a reality. Congressman Abraham has our veterans' backs.

Since 1993, The Circle of Friends for American Veterans has harnessed the power of the media to rally public support on behalf of American Veterans. COFAV has sponsored 196 programs and forums, with well over 100 Members of Congress speaking at its events. The Circle of Friends for American Veterans has supported local homeless veteran transitional facilities by organizing and conducting programs for public support in their local areas, as well as through earned media.