"No Va Resources for Illegal Aliens Act"—NOw!



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The "NO VA RESOURCES FOR ILLEGAL ALIENS ACT," filed as H.R. 6744 in the House by Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman Mike Bost (R-Il), and in the Senate as S.3490, by Sen. Tommy Tuberville (R-AL), should be supported by all Americans in general, and by all veterans in particular.

The Act was filed only after revelations that the VA in the Biden Administration is processing health care claims for illegal aliens while veterans have long waits for healthcare—and hundreds of thousands of claims by veterans remain backlogged and unprocessed.

The VA has denied it has been providing direct health care for illegal aliens—but admits it processes illegal aliens' medical claims for ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement.)

The "NO VA RESOURCES FOR ILLEGAL ALIENS ACT" provides: "The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may not provide health care to, and may not engage in claims processing for health care for, any individual unlawfully present in the United States who is not eligible for health care under the laws administered by the Secretary."

House VA Committee Chairman and principle sponsor Mike Bost (R-ILL), said in filing the Act (H.R. 6744):

"As a Marine, I believe any dollar taken away from a veteran

is a promise broken to those who served. I've demanded answers from the Biden Administration and been stonewalled every step of the way. Until I get the response our veterans deserve, I'll use every available tool of my chairmanship to end this practice and put our veterans first."

Senator Tommy Tuberville (R-AL), a member of the Senate's VA Committee who introduced a companion Act in the Senate (S.3490), said:

"Joe Biden is putting illegal immigrants over America's veterans. It is outrageous. Our veterans should not be forced to wait in long lines at VA medical centers and clinics to get the care they EARNED while illegal immigrants waltz across our open border and get taxpayer funded health care they NEVER earned. Our veterans should have the best health care we can provide—and illegals who have no right to be in this country don't deserve a dime from the taxpayer. Congress needs to pass this legislation to stop Joe Biden from robbing veterans to payoff illegals."

Senator Marsha Blackburn (R-TN), a co-sponsor of the Act, has made written demand on Denis R. McDonough, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to provide factual information and legal authority pertaining to VA's resources being used to the benefit of illegal aliens in any manner. She wrote in part:

"I write to express my deep concern regarding recent reports that the Department of Veterans affairs is prioritizing medical care and veterans benefits for illegal immigrants at the expense of both American veterans and taxpayers. In fiscal year 2022 alone, taxpayers shouldered the cost for \$94.3 million worth of medical expenses for detained migrants, money that should have been used to support American veterans who bravely served this nation. Additionally, in fiscal year 2021, Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) health care arm budgeted more than \$74 million for the VA's contractor to assist with outside referrals and medical claims processing.

"Yet at the same time, veterans and their families are rewarded for their sacrifice with months—and years—long waiting times for their claims to be processed. <u>Currently</u>, 1,048,765 veterans are waiting for staff to process their claims. [Emphasis added]

"The VA was created to support those who have served and protected this nation, and now senior VA officials have seemingly placed these veterans on a tier below the flood of illegal immigrants that are crossing our porous border....It is unacceptable to see the VA redirect its resources away from those who defended this country in favor of those who flout its laws without remorse. As such, I ask that the VA immediately stop allocating its resources to the care and claims of illegal immigrants."

There are an estimated 16-million living American veterans. Many, many, of them need VA care and have earned that care by their service in defense of America—and of Americans. We, each one of us, including each veteran, should stand with those veterans for whom VA was created and demand that VA resources go exclusively to and for those who have earned it—the veterans. Period.

Demand that House and Senate pass the "NO VA RESOURCES FOR ILLEGAL ALIENS ACT"—Now!

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