

March 11, 2015

The Honorable Dean Heller
Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patty Murray
Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs
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Dear Senators Heller and Murray:

On behalf of the more than 380,000 members of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) and their families I am writing to thank you for looking out for the nearly 2.3 million women veterans of our military service through your proposed legislation, S. 471, which will improve the health care of those accessing services through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical system.

The Women Veterans Access to Quality Care Act of 2015 is an extremely important piece of legislation which will help VA to not only address current needs and workload requirements but prepare for the significant demand for services and care this population in the coming years.

S. 471 will:

- Establish structural medical facility standards, using health outcomes to evaluate the performance of medical staff
- Require full-time obstetricians and/or gynecologists in every medical center
- Improve data sharing between VA and state veteran agencies
- Direct GAO to evaluate VA's ability to meet the needs of female veterans

I greatly appreciate your leadership and look forward to the passage of this timely legislation early this session.

Sincerely,

Best Regards
Norbert Ryan