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Joint Hearing: Legislative Presentation of The American Legion

Opening Remarks of U.S. Senator Jerry Moran (R-Kan.)

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Over the past few weeks, we've had the opportunity to hear from a number of VSOs on a range of important legislative issues.

Today, I would like to welcome The American Legion for our fifth and final legislative presentation.

Thank you, Commander Oxford, and your fellow Legionnaires for joining us. My colleagues and I are looking forward to hearing from you on the Legion's top legislative priorities.

I want to take a moment to recognize all of the Legionnaires present— especially those joining us from Kansas.

Your willingness to join us today is a testament to your unwavering commitment to your brothers and sisters in arms. As we all know, transforming the VA into a 21st Century VA is a monumental task that requires all hands on deck.

VSOs—like The American Legion— and their members play a critical role in this process. You are on the frontlines and see firsthand where the VA is thriving and where it faces challenges.

You give a voice to veterans who at times can feel unheard or marginalized. You also provide an annual check for our committees and help us make certain we are on the right track.

Commander Oxford, while I was reading over your written testimony I noticed the Legion and I share a number of priorities—from enhancing suicide prevention to addressing toxic exposure and improving women's health care.

You have my commitment that the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee will continue to work with you and the larger veteran community on addressing these priorities.

We look forward to your presentation today and will continue to work with you to make certain veterans' voices are heard and they receive the care they deserve.

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