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The Honorable Jerry Moran Chairman, Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs 521 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard Blumenthal Ranking Member, Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs 503 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Re: Support for S. 2412, the Department of Veterans Affairs Acquisition Reform Act of 2025

Dear Chairman Moran and Ranking Member Blumenthal:

Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) writes in strong support of S. 2412, the Department of Veterans Affairs Acquisition Reform Act of 2025. This bill takes practical steps to fix the fragmentation in VA's construction, leasing, acquisition, and logistics functions, in all, improving speed, accountability, and outcomes for veterans.

S. 2412 would (1) clarify that VA employees engaged in facilities planning, construction, leasing, operations, and related procurements report to the Director of Construction & Facilities Management; (2) combine construction and leasing functions across VA under that office with a regional structure; and (3) centralize acquisition, procurement, contracting, logistics, and chapter 81 authorities under the Department's Chief Acquisition Officer with regional leadership aligned to care delivery. It further supports the acquisition workforce through targeted internship pipelines and requires near-term reports to Congress on workforce incentives and execution progress.

For veterans, these reforms mean clearer lines of authority, faster delivery of facilities and equipment, and better oversight of timelines, costs, and performance. For the VA workforce, they provide a clearer organizational structure with the tools to recruit, develop, and retain 1102 talent across the enterprise.

VVA humbly urges the Committee to advance S. 2412. We stand ready to aid with implementation best practices, particularly on performance metrics that track acquisition cycle times, competition and small-business use, and schedule/cost outcomes on major medical facility projects.

Thank you for your leadership and continued partnership in bolstering veterans' care and benefits.

Respectfully,

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Executive Director, Government Affairs