

The National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, Inc.

January 29, 2017

The Honorable Johnny Isakson Chairman The United States Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs Russell Senate Building, Room 412 Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: Confirmation of Dr. David Shulkin as Secretary of Veterans Affairs

Dear Chairman Isakson:

On behalf of the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs (NASDVA), thank you for the continued dedication and work of the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs to ensure the best possible service and care for America's Veterans. We sincerely appreciate the willingness you have consistently shown in listening and giving kind consideration to NASDVA's ideas, concerns and recommendations for our Veterans.

We ask for the speedy confirmation of Dr. David Shulkin as Secretary, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). As we all know, Dr. Shulkin is an accomplished physician and leader in healthcare. Most importantly, I think, he has been an important leader in the team that has effected the largest (positive) transformation in VA's history. We can all agree there is still work ahead and we are confident that David Shulkin will be a great leader for VA, serve our Veterans well and continue the MyVA Transformation.

NASDVA, through its member States, is second only to VA in the amount of direct service and care it provides to America's Veterans and we continue to be a formal partner with VA with one single purpose of serving our Veterans. We pledge our support and continued partnership to work, to the fullest extent possible, with Dr. Shulkin and his team to continue VA's transformation and to serve America's Veterans. I am

Sincerely,

Randy Reeves President

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