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DAV and the DAV Auxiliary

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Senators Mazie Hirono (D-HI) and Susan Collins (R-ME) introduced S. 683, the Keeping Our Commitment to Disabled Veterans Act of 2017, a bill to extend VA's current authority to provide nursing home care to severely disabled veterans. DAV Resolution 142 supports VA's provision of long-term services and supports for service-connected disabled veterans.

Extending this provision would help to ensure continuity and stability for the tens of thousands of veterans who rely on nursing home care every day," said Dave Riley, National Commander of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV). "These veterans, many who are aging and severely injured or ill, cannot afford disruptions to their established care and treatment. DAV supports the extension and thanks Senators Hirono and Collins for their commitment to protecting the care and benefits our nation's disabled veterans have earned."

The VA supports approximately 35,000 veterans a day in community living centers (VA skilled nursing care facilities), community nursing home and state home programs. As the veteran population ages, nursing care will remain a critical part of VA's long-term care continuum responding to the needs of veterans who are too frail to be cared for in less intensive settings. If the authority is not extended VA will not be able to provide or pay for nursing care for service-disabled veterans in 2018.

Please write your elected official to urge co-sponsorship and support for passage of S. 683, the Keeping Our Commitment to Disabled Veterans Act of 2017.

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