



## Rep. Tom Emmer on Legislation Meant to Help Our Nation's Heroes

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### **\*\*REP. TOM EMMER:**

\*\* Hi everyone, Congressman Tom Emmer here. One of the greatest things we can do in Congress is to provide for our nation's veterans. Our men and women in uniform are the best this nation has to offer. These brave Americans and their families deserve to be recognized each and every day for fighting for the freedoms and liberties that you and I all know and love. Thankfully, we're lucky to have so many who return home to their loved ones, and when they do, it's imperative that we give them the care they have earned defending our great nation. Unfortunately, over the years we've watched as the Department of Veterans Affairs, better known as the VA, has been marred with scandal after scandal, some resulting in the death of individuals who fought for our country and certainly deserve better. This is why this month, the House voted for the VA Accountability First and Appeals Modernization Act. This legislation will reform the VA's appeals process for disability benefits, empower the Secretary with the ability to discipline, demote or even fire VA employees for misconduct, and strengthen protections for whistleblowers. This week we also passed the No Veterans Crisis Line Call Should Go Unanswered Act. It's inconceivable to think that our veterans needing help are being ignored due to laziness and incompetence. Simply saying we support our veterans is just not enough. We must enact real, substantial reforms to increase transparency, accountability and dependability in order to ensure our nation's veterans are safe and well cared for after they risk their lives for us and families. I remain committed to fight for our men and women who risk and sacrifice their lives for our country now and always. Thanks for listening.

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