

WASHINGTON- Today Congressman Lee Terry expressed deep concern over a White House proposal that would force private insurance companies to pay for medical care for military veterans who have suffered service-related injuries and disabilities. Under the plan, private insurance companies would be required to reimburse the Department of Veterans Affairs.

"I am angered by this proposal," said Congressman Terry. "The government has a moral obligation to take care of our men and women in uniform. The VA has a responsibility to provide care for our veterans and should continue doing so rather than require military families to look to their private insurance companies to pay for treatment. Men and women across the country have made a commitment to fight for our freedom and the federal government is obligated to ensure the best care possible for them."

Area veterans are also speaking out against the proposal.

"Veterans benefits are eroding. This current benefit proposal is outrageous and should not be legal," said Omaha veteran Joe Lapadula.

"This is a total outrage and is absolutely wrong and is not the thing to do," said Nebraska American Legion Department Commander Bill Crosier.

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