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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

THE DIRECTOR

December 19, 2001

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Enrolled Bill H.R. 2716 - Homeless Veterans Comprehensive Assistance
Act of 2001
Sponsors - Rep. Chris Smith (R) NJ and 10 cosponsors

Last Day for Action

December 25, 2001 - Tuesday

Purpose

Expands and makes changes to a number of Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) programs for homeless veterans including: (1) comprehensive service programs; (2) housing assistance; (3) medical and dental services; (4) training and outreach programs; and (5) enhanced-use leasing authority.

Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget

Approval

Department of Veterans Affairs
Department of Justice
Department of Labor (DOL)
Department of the Treasury
General Services Administration
Department of Defense
Department of Health and Human Services
Department of Housing and Urban
Development (HUD)
Department of Education
Office of Government Ethics
Office of National Drug Control Policy
Office of Personnel Management

Approval
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Discussion

H.R. 2716 would declare a national goal of ending chronic homelessness among veterans within a decade of the enrolled bill's enactment. The enrolled bill would consolidate VA's authority to provide health care, housing, employment training, and other benefits and services to homeless veterans into a single chapter of title 38, U.S. Code. H.R. 2716 would enhance existing VA programs for homeless veterans, as well as programs for homeless veterans that are administered by other Departments in concert with VA, and provide for new joint Federal initiatives targeted at preventing homelessness among the most vulnerable veterans. The major provisions of H.R. 2716 are described below. A more detailed summary of the enrolled bill's provisions is contained in the VA views letter.

Comprehensive Service Programs. H.R. 2716 would codify and make changes to VA's Homeless Providers Grant Program and Homeless Providers Per Diem Program. Under current law, VA makes grants through the Grant Program to public and nonprofit agencies to assist them in constructing, acquiring, and/or operating facilities for supportive housing or service centers for homeless veterans. (Supportive services include health care, hygiene facilities, meals, benefits and employment counseling, job training and placement, and transportation assistance.) The companion Per Diem Program assists these organizations in defraying the operational costs of residential and rehabilitation services for homeless veterans. The enrolled bill would authorize appropriations totaling \$60 million for FY 2002, and \$75 million for each of FYs 2003-2005, for the Grant and Per Diem Programs.

H.R. 2716 would eliminate the cap on the number of service centers that may be funded under the Grant Program and require that any facility acquired, constructed, or operated with grant funds meet certain fire and safety specifications. In addition, if a grant recipient does not establish a program or ceases to furnish services under a grant funded program, the United States would be entitled to recover all unused grant funds.

The enrolled bill would change how the per diem payment is calculated and increase the payment to cover the daily costs of care of providing services to homeless veterans (currently, VA may provide a payment that covers not more than 50 percent of the providers' daily costs). However, the per diem payment could not exceed the rate authorized for domiciliary care in State veterans' homes. H.R. 2716 would delete a provision that currently allows VA to provide in-kind assistance in lieu of per diem payments, and require that payments not be given to a grant recipient unless its facilities meet certain fire and safety requirements after five years.

The enrolled bill would clarify existing authority that homeless veterans receiving benefits under VA's vocational rehabilitation programs may, if needed as part of their medical care, participate in VA's Compensated Work Therapy Program. Under the Compensated Work Therapy Program, patients participate in therapeutic work as a form of patient care, not employment.

The enrolled bill would require VA to establish comprehensive homeless service centers in at least each of the 20 largest metropolitan statistical areas to provide homeless veterans with a convenient place to address a variety of needs. Current law requires eight such centers. The enrolled bill would extend VA's authority to operate the centers for five years, through December 31, 2006. H.R. 2716 also would require VA to ensure that there is at least one full-time employee assigned to oversee and coordinate homeless veterans programs at each of the 20 Veterans Benefits Administration regional offices that the VA Secretary determines serve the largest homeless veteran populations.

Housing Assistance. H.R. 2716 would clarify existing law by explicitly providing that VA has the authority to allow homeless veterans in its Compensated Work Therapy program to receive housing through the therapeutic residence program or through grantees of VA's Grant and Per Diem Programs. The enrolled bill also would clarify VA's existing authority to establish domiciliary programs under VA's Domiciliary Care for Homeless Veterans Program, which provides residential rehabilitation and health maintenance for veterans who do not require hospital or nursing home care, but are unable to live independently because of medical or psychiatric disabilities. H.R. 2716 would specifically provide that VA may establish up to 10 additional domiciliaries under that program, and would authorize appropriations of \$5 million for each of FYs 2003 and 2004 for VA to establish additional domiciliaries.

HUD's section 8 housing voucher program assists certain families and individuals (low-income, elderly, and/or disabled) in obtaining rental housing. H.R. 2716 would require HUD to set aside 500 section 8 housing vouchers for homeless veterans in FY 2003, 1000 in FY 2004, 1500 in FY 2005, and 2000 in FY 2006. The housing vouchers would be provided to homeless veterans who have chronic mental illness or chronic substance use disorders, and would require the veteran's agreement to continued treatment of their mental illness or substance use disorder as a condition of the rental assistance. This provision would effectively codify the existing HUD-VA Supported Housing (HUD-VASH) Program, which HUD and VA have operated informally since 1992. The HUD-VASH Program encourages formerly homeless veterans to utilize the section 8 housing voucher program by setting aside a limited number of vouchers to be administered in conjunction with VA officials who supervised the reintegration of these veterans into non-VA living options. VA advises that approximately 1750 housing vouchers have been used by homeless veterans under the HUD-VASH Program since the program's inception. The enrolled bill would require that the number of VA case managers be sufficient to ensure that every veteran who receives a housing voucher under the section 8 program is assigned to and is seen as needed by a case manager.

Medical and Dental Services. H.R. 2716 would require the VA Secretary to establish a grant program targeted at meeting the special needs of certain homeless veterans (women, elderly, terminally ill, and chronically mentally ill). The enrolled bill would require that \$5 million be made available for the program for each of FYs 2003-2005. H.R. 2716 would extend eligibility for outpatient dental services and treatment to certain veterans already receiving other types of VA-sponsored care for at least 60 consecutive days, if the service is needed to gain or regain employment, alleviate pain, or treat certain dental conditions. Under current law, VA provides "medically necessary" dental care to veterans receiving in-patient hospital care. VA advises that "[t]he need for dental care has been consistently identified as one of the greatest unmet needs of homeless veterans."

H.R. 2716 would require each VA primary care health care facility to develop and carry out a plan to provide mental health services to veterans who require such services. The enrolled bill would require each VA medical center to develop and carry out a plan to provide treatment for substance use disorders to veterans who require such treatment. The plan should make available clinically proven substance abuse treatment methods, including opioid substitution therapy, to veterans if a qualified medical professional has determined such treatment methods are appropriate.

Training and Outreach. The Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program requires DOL to provide job training, counseling, and placement services to homeless, or formerly homeless, veterans. H.R. 2716 would authorize appropriations of \$50 million for the program for each of FYs 2002-2006. The enrolled bill would require Federally-funded disabled veterans' outreach program specialists and local veterans' employment representatives to coordinate services with entities that receive funding through DOL to ensure that training assistance benefits provided to veterans are coordinated.

VA would be required to develop a coordinated outreach plan with outside entities for veterans at risk of homelessness, and to implement a joint outreach program to provide benefits information to homeless veterans and veterans at risk of homelessness. The enrolled bill would require VA and DOL to establish a demonstration project to determine the costs and benefits of providing referral and counseling services to certain veterans leaving institutional settings (prisons and mental health facilities).

Use of Real Property. H.R. 2716 would require VA, before disposing of real property as excess, to determine that the property is not suitable for use for homeless veterans by VA or another entity under an enhanced-use lease. An enhanced-use lease enables VA to enter into a long-term lease with the private sector or other public entity in return for receiving fair consideration (monetary or in-kind services) that enhances VA's mission or programs. The enrolled bill would waive the competitive process for assessing bids when homeless providers apply for enhanced-use leases, which would give those providers priority over other parties interested in obtaining the leases. VA advises that these provisions are "redundant with existing authorities and duplicative of current efforts."

Advisory Committee/Interagency Council. H.R. 2716 would establish an Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans within VA, which would be composed of not more than 15 members appointed by the VA Secretary. The enrolled bill specifies the committee's make-up and duties. The committee would cease to exist on December 31, 2006. The enrolled bill would require that the Interagency Council on Homeless, which has been defunct for several years, meet at the call of its Chairperson or a majority of its members, at least annually.

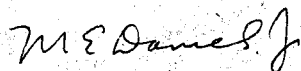
Technical Assistance. H.R. 2716 would require VA to carry out a program to make grants to organizations with expertise in preparing grant applications. Under the program, the entities receiving the grants would provide technical assistance to non-profit community-based groups to assist them in applying for grants related to homeless veterans. The enrolled bill would authorize annual appropriations of \$750,000 for FYs 2002-2005 to carry out this program.

Reporting Requirements. H.R. 2716 would require that a number of reports be submitted to Congress regarding VA's activities on homeless veterans. An Attachment contains a list of the reports required by the enrolled bill.

Conclusion and Recommendations

VA recommends approval of H.R. 2716 because it "will be of significant benefit to homeless veterans."

We join VA in recommending approval of H.R. 2716, which passed the House by voice vote and the Senate by unanimous consent.



Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.
Director

Enclosures

Reporting Requirements in H.R. 2716

Coordination of Outreach Services. H.R. 2716 would require the VA Secretary to submit, no later than October 1, 2002, an initial report to the House and Senate Veterans' Affairs Committees that contains an evaluation of outreach activities carried out by VA with respect to homeless veterans, including outreach regarding clinical issues and other benefits. No later than December 31, 2005, VA would be required to submit an interim report, which would include the VA Secretary's outreach plan, including goals and time lines for implementation of the plan for particular facilities and service networks, as well as a description of the implementation and operation of the outreach program and the VA/DOL demonstration program. No later than July 1, 2007, VA would be required to submit a final report, which would include an evaluation of the effectiveness of the outreach plan, outreach program, and VA/DOL demonstration program, as well as recommendations, if any, regarding an extension or modification of the outreach plan, outreach program, and demonstration program.

Assistance to Homeless Veterans. H.R. 2716 would require the VA Secretary, no later than April 15th of each year, to submit to the House and Senate Veterans' Affairs Committees a report on VA's programs for homeless veterans during the calendar year preceding the report.

Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans. The enrolled bill would require the Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans to submit to the VA Secretary, no later than March 31st of each year, a report on the VA programs and activities that relate to homeless veterans. Each report should include an assessment of the needs of homeless veterans, a review of VA's programs and activities, a review of the committee's activities, and recommendations for administrative and legislative action. Not later than 90 days after receipt of the committee's report, the VA Secretary must send the House and Senate Veterans' Affairs Committees a copy of the report, plus any comments and recommendations regarding the report that the VA Secretary considers appropriate.

Grant Program for Homeless Veterans With Special Needs. The VA Secretary would be required, no later than March 31, 2005, to submit to the House and Senate Veterans' Affairs Committees, a report setting forth the results of the study on the outcome effectiveness of VA's Grant Program for Homeless Veterans with Special Needs (established by H.R. 2716).

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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REMARKS:

PLEASE SEND COMMENTS TO STAFF SECRETARY, TEL. 62702 OR FAX 62215, NO LATER
THAN 6:00 PM THURSDAY, 12-20-01. THANK YOU.

RESPONSE:

Harriet E. Miers
Assistant to the President
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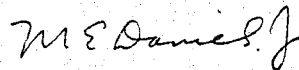
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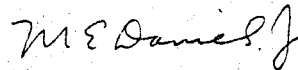
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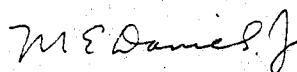
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THE DIRECTOR

December 19, 2001

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Enrolled Bill H.R. 2716 - Homeless Veterans Comprehensive Assistance
Act of 2001
Sponsors - Rep. Chris Smith (R) NJ and 10 cosponsors

Last Day for Action

December 25, 2001 - Tuesday

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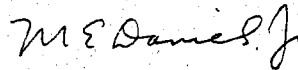
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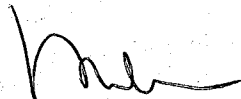
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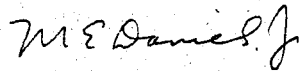
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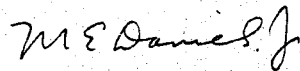
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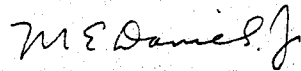
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Act of 2001
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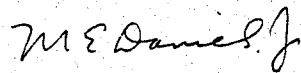
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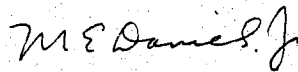
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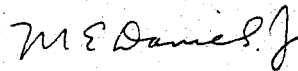
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RESPONSE:

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THE DIRECTOR

December 19, 2001

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

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Last Day for Action

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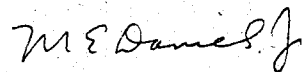
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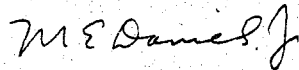
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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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RESPONSE:

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THE DIRECTOR

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Enrolled Bill H.R. 2716 - Homeless Veterans Comprehensive Assistance
Act of 2001
Sponsors - Rep. Chris Smith (R) NJ and 10 cosponsors

Last Day for Action

December 25, 2001 - Tuesday

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Department of Labor (DOL)

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General Services Administration

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Department of Defense

Defers to VA (Informally)

Department of Health and Human Services

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Development (HUD)

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Department of Education

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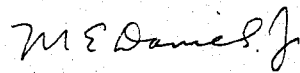
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Conclusion and Recommendations

VA recommends approval of H.R. 2716 because it "will be of significant benefit to homeless veterans."

We join VA in recommending approval of H.R. 2716, which passed the House by voice vote and the Senate by unanimous consent.



Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR HARRIET MIERS
STAFF SECRETARY

FROM: JONATHAN BURKS 
DEPUTY STAFF SECRETARY TO THE VICE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: H.R. 2716, an Act to Amend Title 38, United States
Code, To Revise, Improve, and Consolidate
Provisions of Law Providing Benefits and Services for
Homeless Veterans

The Office of the Vice President has reviewed the above-referenced
draft and has no comments.

One Hundred Seventh Congress of the United States of America

AT THE FIRST SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Wednesday,
the third day of January, two thousand and one*

An Act

To amend title 38, United States Code, to revise, improve, and consolidate provisions of law providing benefits and services for homeless veterans.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of
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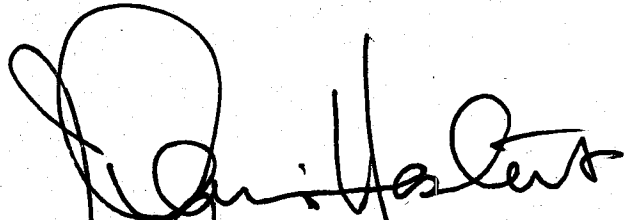
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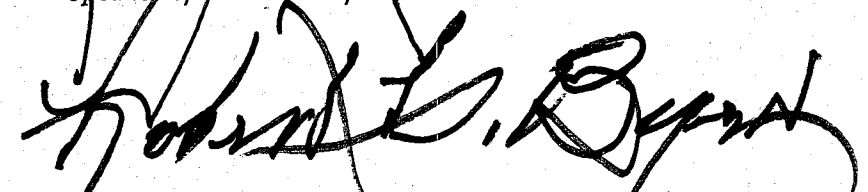
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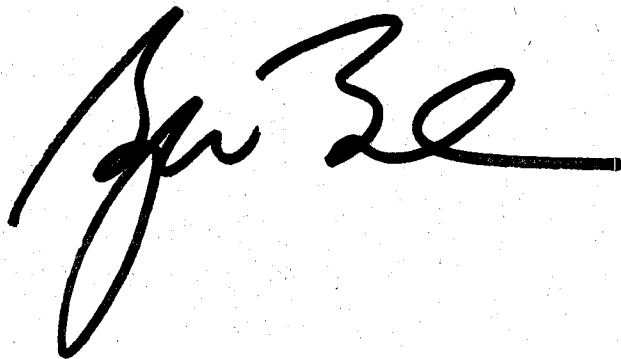
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Speaker of the House of Representatives.


~~Vice President of the United States and~~
President of the Senate, *pro tempore*.

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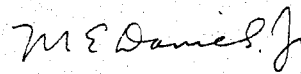
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SUBJECT: Enrolled Bill H.R. 2716 - Homeless Veterans Comprehensive Assistance
Act of 2001
Sponsors - Rep. Chris Smith (R) NJ and 10 cosponsors

Last Day for Action

December 25, 2001 - Tuesday

Purpose

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Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget

Approval

Department of Veterans Affairs

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Department of Justice

No objection (Informally)

Department of Labor (DOL)

No objection (Informally)

Department of the Treasury

No objection (Informally)

General Services Administration

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Department of Defense

Defers to VA (Informally)

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No comment (Informally)

Office of National Drug Control Policy

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Discussion

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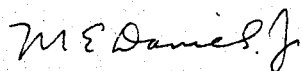
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