

Attention Veterans and Veteran-Supporters

Legislation is pending in the U.S. Congress that would improve veterans' access to high-quality, convenient, and timely hearing health care services through the Department of Veterans Affairs, and we need your help to get it passed!

The situation: Oftentimes Veterans in need of hearing care from the VA are waiting too long for appointments, don't get adequate help, or have to wait weeks for a simple repair to their hearing aids. Hearing aid specialists can help! Hearing aid specialists operate locally, specialize in hearing aid services, and can typically see a patient within a couple days of his/her request.

H.R. 3471/S. 564 would both enable the VA to hire hearing aid specialists, and encourage their use in the contract network. **Now, we need your help to get the bill passed through Congress!**

Take action: We need you to contact your U.S. Senators today! You can accomplish this in one of two ways:

- 1) Online:** Go to www.fittoserve.us and click on "Take Action" to send an email. This will direct you to a pre-written, customizable email that will mail to both your U.S. Senators.
- 2) Over the phone:** Call the Capitol Switchboard at 202-224-3121 to be connected with your Senator's office. (Remember to call back to talk to your other Senator's office when done!) Ask to speak with the staff member who handles veterans' issues.

Talking points, in your own words:

- I am calling in support of S. 564/H.R. 3471, the Veterans Hearing Aid Access and Assistance Act.
- I ask that Senator _____ co-sponsor S. 564 and support S. 564/H.R. 3471 when it comes before him/her for a vote.*
- *Share any experiences with veterans in your area having difficulty in accessing care through the VA*
- Thank Senator _____ for his/her time and support for our veterans.

**The following Senators have already co-sponsored S. 564: Sens. Moran (KS), Tester (MT), Burr (NC), Cassidy (LA), Franken (MN), Gardner (CO), Risch (ID), Rounds (SD), Schumer (NY), and Tillis (NC). If you contact these offices, please thank them and ask them to urge their party leaders to advance S. 564/H.R. 3471.*

Thank you for your help!