



*NOTE: If you or someone you know is experiencing suicidal thoughts or a mental health crisis, please dial the Veterans Crisis Line at 988, text 838255 or visit the [Vets of Steel website](#) for resources.*

Brothers and Sisters,

As negotiations to address our nation's debt ceiling are heating up, some lawmakers are calling for dramatic cuts to veterans' spending. We are the wealthiest democracy on Earth, and we owe it to the very protectors of our freedom to ensure they receive the care and benefits they earned.

Make a call to 1-866-202-5409 or [click here to write Congress](#) to tell them our veterans deserve better.

Among other things, the proposed cuts to veterans spending would set funding back to 2022 levels and would:

1. Threaten medical Care for veterans
2. Undermine access to telehealth, essential for veterans particularly in rural areas.
3. Increase wait times for benefits, including pensions, life insurance, GI Bill educational support, and employment services
4. Cut housing for veterans by eliminating funding for Housing Choice Vouchers for as many as 50,000 veterans, putting them at greater risk of homelessness.
5. Even worse, the proposal fails to honor the memory of our nation's veterans by cuts to military cemetery funding. It would require the VA's National Cemetery Administration to eliminate approximately 500 staff, jeopardize its ability to maintain the final resting place of veterans to national shrine standards and strip over 18,000 eligible veterans of the ability to be buried with full honors.

Tell Congress, not on our watch! Make a call to 1-866-202-5409 or [click here to write Congress](#) to tell them our veterans deserve better.

Click [HERE](#) to send a pre-written email to your Representative urging them to honor our nation's veterans and reject the current debt limit bill in the House, which makes sweeping cuts to veterans' spending.

Call **1-866-202-5409** to tell your Representative who you are, where you are from, and ask them to oppose the current debt limit bill in the House and ensure that our veterans can continue to receive the care and benefits they have earned.

Thanks for all you do.

In solidarity,  
Thomas M. Conway  
USW International President  
USAF Sgt., 1970-1974