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Statement for the Record  
Military Women's Coalition (MWC)  
Before the  
House Veterans Affairs Committee  
For the Hearing on Health Legislation  
September 11, 2019

Chairwoman Brownley, Ranking Member Dunn and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity for the Military Women's Coalition to provide a statement for the record on the health legislation before the Committee today.

**Background:** The MWC is a national coalition of formal and informal organizations who work collaboratively to serve and support US active duty, Guard, reserve, Veteran and retired service women by uniting and elevating their voices to influence policy and improve their well-being. Our vision is that someday military women are fully integrated, equally respected and equally supported members of the military and veteran community and their contributions are recognized as essential to national defense. Currently there are 18 organizations in the Coalition from across in the nation.

**Better Health care for Women Veterans:** Members of the MWC are particularly concerned about the health care provided to women veterans as good care has often been lacking in many areas. The MWC is encouraged to see so many efforts underway to rectify failures and shortcomings in the existing system. Although the MWC supports all of the legislation under consideration we strongly support the following legislation:

HR 3636  
HR 2972  
HR 2645  
HR 2681  
HR 3224  
HR 2752  
HR 2628  
HR 2816  
HR 1527  
HR 3798  
HR 3867  
HR 4096  
Draft Bill

A few members of the MWC expressed reservations about some of the proposed legislation. Their concerns had to do with vague language, costs and redundancy.

HR 3036 There were concerns about cost and therefore execution of this legislation.

HR 2798 There were concerns about cost and the vagueness of the language in this legislation.



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HR 2982 Several organizations felt that another study is a waste of money because the needs have already been identified in other studies.

HR 1163 Several organizations abstained from providing support or opposition to this legislation.

This statement is submitted on behalf of the Military Women's Coalition by Ellen L. Haring, the Coalition Steering Committee Chair.

Sincerely,

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Steering Committee Chair  
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**MWC Steering Committee Organizations**

Service Women's Action Network  
Women in Military Service For America  
Protect Our Defenders  
GA Military Women  
Service: Women Who Serve  
Pink Berets  
Red Feather Ranch  
WINC: For All Women Veterans  
Northeast Florida Women Veterans  
Combat Female Veterans Families United  
Veteran Women Enterprise Center