

**\$92B**

In discretionary funding to continue the rebuilding of our national security, provide robust support for our veterans and troops, and ensure accountability

## FULFILLING OUR COMMITMENTS TO OUR VETERANS

- Provides the largest dollar amount in history to the Department of Veterans Affairs – **\$81.5B**, an increase of **\$7.1B** (9.5%) above FY17
- Funds VA medical care at **\$68.8B**, providing for **7 million patients to be treated** and addressing important VA medical care priorities
- Includes **\$782M** for the new VA electronic health record, ensuring our veterans receive proper care, with timely and accurate medical data transferred between identical systems at the VA and the Department of Defense
- Reduces the disability claims backlog to ensure adequate compensation and care for the almost 500,000 veterans still awaiting final decisions on their claims
  - Provides **\$66M** above the request for the Veterans Benefits Administration and **\$5M** above the request for the Board of Veterans Appeals, and continues strong oversight
- Tightens oversight of taxpayer dollars by addressing construction mismanagement and supporting the new VA whistleblower office

### VA MEDICAL CARE PRIORITIES

- **\$386M** for opioid abuse prevention
- **\$8.4B** for mental health care
- **\$196M** for suicide prevention outreach
- **\$316M** for traumatic brain injury treatment
- **\$7.3B** for homeless veterans treatment, services, housing, and job training
- **\$751M** for Hepatitis C treatment
- **\$270M** for rural health initiatives

## REBUILDING CRITICAL MILITARY INFRASTRUCTURE

- Provides a total of **\$10.1B** for military construction projects – **\$2.4B** (31%) above the FY17 level – to ensure our military is able to fight current and emerging threats, to support increased troop levels, and to sustain services for military families
  - Directs more than **\$8B** to infrastructure and facilities on military bases in the U.S. to support operations, training, housing, and military families
  - Includes **\$750M** for Overseas Contingency Operations funding for projects in countries with ongoing U.S. operations
- Supports the infrastructure needed to maintain a high quality of life for our troops and their families, addressing 203 military construction projects across the country and overseas
  - Provides **\$1.4B** to ensure quality housing for all 1,388,028 military families currently served
  - Totals **\$708M** for new or existing military medical facilities to continue support and care for 9.8 million eligible beneficiaries, including our wounded troops abroad
  - Includes **\$250M** for essential safety improvements and infrastructure upgrades at four Department of Defense Education Activities facilities
  - Provides **\$178M** for infrastructure needed for deterrence operations and unique training requirements to counter challenges posted by Russia and threats from the Middle East and Africa