



**\$98.1B** IN DISCRETIONARY FUNDING – \$5.3B ABOVE FY18

## ➤ **CARING FOR OUR VETERANS**

- Totals **\$86.5B** in discretionary funding for the Department of Veterans Affairs, an increase of **\$5B** above the FY18 enacted level – **the largest dollar amount in history for the VA**
- Funds VA medical care at **\$72.3B** – **providing for 7M patients to be treated in FY19**, including:
  - **\$8.6B** for mental health care services
  - **\$400M** for opioid abuse prevention
  - **\$206M** for suicide prevention outreach
  - **\$270M** for rural veterans health initiatives
- Includes a **\$1.75B** increase over the advance funding already provided for *ongoing care, including existing programs and MISSION Act programs like community care, caregivers, and other medical services (such as improved access to organ transplants)*
- Ensures funding (**\$1.1B**) to **modernize the VA's electronic health record system** to provide seamless care to veterans as they transition from military service
- **Speeds up claim processing for more than 450K veterans** who are waiting for the compensation they deserve

## ➤ **IMPROVING VA FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

- **Strengthens oversight and accountability to ensure taxpayer dollars are being used to best benefit our veterans** by including several provisions to hold the VA accountable and address decisions that have wasted money and damaged trust, including:
  - Rigorous reporting on the status of VA claims processing
  - Implementing stronger oversight and limits on VA construction projects
  - Includes **\$192M** for the Inspector General, **\$28M** above FY18, to provide the resources needed to investigate the overwhelming number of allegations being reported

## ➤ **REBUILDING OUR MILITARY INFRASTRUCTURE**

- **Continues rebuilding infrastructure for our service members and their families** with a total of **\$10.3B** for military construction projects, an increase of **\$241M** (2.4%) above the FY18 levels
- Provides funding for 174 military construction projects across the country and overseas – **projects that strengthen our national security**, enable our military to complete their missions successfully, and support our military families with quality schools, housing, and other services
- **Prioritizes construction in the U.S.** with over **\$8B** for infrastructure and facilities on military bases in the U.S. to support operations, training, housing and military families
- **Fully funds family housing at \$1.6B — \$173M above the FY18 enacted level**
- Includes **\$352M** for the construction or alteration of new or existing military medical facilities, **allowing for the care of 9.8M eligible beneficiaries, including wounded troops abroad**
- Upgrades infrastructure needed for deterrence operations and unique training requirements to **counter challenges posed by Russia and threats from the Middle East and Africa**
- Includes **\$100M** for **enhancing anti-terrorism efforts, Force protection, and safety on military installations**