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To President-elect Trump:

We write to you concerned by comments Newt Gingrich, the Vice-Chairman of your Presidential Transition Team, made in an interview with the Washington Post this past Friday. Our disagreements on veterans policy aside, it's simply offensive that Mr. Gingrich would slight our integrity by suggesting that our actions would do anything other than put the care of veterans first.

We have all dedicated our lives to serving our brothers and sisters in the veterans community and work tirelessly every day. Our non-partisan organizations represent and serve millions of members and their families nationwide. We do not come to our positions recklessly and we are united in our view that the needs of our veterans should always transcend partisanship and political gamesmanship.

We urge you to address Mr. Gingrich's careless comments with him personally and we welcome the opportunity to meet with you both to help you better understand what our members are experiencing. Until then, it is our hope that such a serious topic can be addressed in a more respectful tone.



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