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CATHOLIC VETERANS CONCERNED ABOUT HEALTH CARE REFORM

ALEXANDRIA, VA: As members of Congress continue to debate the specifics of national health care reform, the Catholic War Veterans of the United States are concerned about some of the measures currently being suggested for implementation by members of Congress.

The Catholic War Veterans of the U.S.A., while recognizing the need for some form of national health care reform, will not support any such legislation unless it contains the following criteria:

1. **No federal or state funding for abortion services of any kind.** Citizens who oppose abortion should not be forced to pay for these services for others through the redirection of their federal and state tax dollars.
2. **A clear provision supporting the rights of medical workers to refuse to perform any procedures that conflict with their moral and ethical conscience.** It is essential that “conscientious objectors” not be forced or coerced into violating their personal beliefs.

Additionally, we will not support any legislation if it does not meet the following criteria:

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1. **No state owned and operated health care insurance plan.** State owned and operated essential services are defined as Socialism, and the first steps towards Communism. The Catholic War Veterans are emphatically against the adoption of any forms of Socialism and Communism.
2. **The total cost of the reform legislation should not result in an increase in government spending, national debt, or the need for higher tax rates as evaluated by the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office.** The national debt of our country is large enough and increased taxes during these tough economic times and high unemployment will further burden our citizenry.

We rely on our elected representatives to truly represent us and our interests and not to place partisan political interests ahead of this mandate. It is essential that any proposed legislation be thoroughly reviewed by the public before any final vote is taken. The Catholic War Veterans encourages public bi-partisan debate on health care reform and we encourage all of our elected members of Congress to individually weigh the effects of any proposed legislation against the welfare of our citizens and the preservation of our free-market Democratic Republic.

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