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### CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS DENOUNCE PLANS TO FORCE VETERANS TO PAY THEIR OWN MEDICAL BILLS

ALEXANDRIA, VA, MARCH 18, 2009: On March 16, 2009 President Obama conferred with leaders from several prominent veterans service organizations at The White House. During the conversations President Obama unveiled his plan to force a military service member's private insurance company to reimburse the Veterans Administration for treating the service member for service-connected injuries and disabilities.

Today, the Catholic War Veterans of the U.S.A. emphatically add our collective voices to the outcry of opposition to any such governmental policy that would lessen, or take away the government's responsibility to take care of all military service members for any and all injuries or disabilities they have incurred as a result of serving their nation.

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According to our Nation's Constitution, the office of the President is our military's Commander-in-Chief. As such, President Obama himself is ultimately responsible for the care and well being of the service men and women under his command. He should not take this responsibility lightly, nor try to pass this responsibility on to private parties or to burden the service members themselves.

We urgently call upon all members of Congress and President Obama's administration to refrain from taking any such courses of action.

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