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Rep. Kind's Statement on President Trump's Action to Freeze Hiring at VA

Executive Order Negatively Impacts Thousands of Wisconsin Veterans Who Depend on VA

La Crosse, WI – This week President Trump signed an Executive Order to institute a hiring freeze at the Department of Veterans Affairs, which comes amid staffing shortages at the Tomah VA Medical Center and VA Medical Centers across Wisconsin and Minnesota. Below is Rep. Kind's statement on the Executive Order:

"The fact that one of President Trump's first actions was to make it harder for Wisconsin veterans to receive quality care and help is simply unacceptable. In my many conversations with Wisconsin veterans and visits to the Tomah VA, one of the most common complaints is the shortage of health care professionals, including nurses, psychiatrists, and dermatologists, and this Executive Order will only deepen the problem. Our veterans have sacrificed so much for our country, and the last thing that should be done is to make them have to wait longer to receive the care they have earned and deserve," said Rep. Kind.