



\$96.9B IN DISCRETIONARY FUNDING – \$4.2B ABOVE FY18

➤ **CARING FOR OUR VETERANS**

- Totals **\$85.3B** in discretionary funding for the Department of Veterans Affairs, an increase of **\$3.9B** (\$4.8%) above the FY18 enacted level – **the largest dollar amount in history for the VA**
- Funds VA medical care at **\$71.2B** – **providing for 7 million patients to be treated in FY19**, including:
 - **\$8.6B** for mental health care services
 - **\$196M** for suicide prevention outreach
 - **\$589M** for traumatic brain injury treatment
 - **\$7.4B** for homeless veterans services
 - **\$387M** for opioid abuse prevention
 - **\$270M** for rural veterans health initiatives
- Ensures funding (**\$1.2B**) to **modernize the VA's electronic health record system** to provide seamless care to veterans as they transition from military service
- **Provides funding and resources to resolve claims for more than 450,000 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
 - Requiring an ongoing GAO review of the development of the VA electronic health record system
 - Implementing stronger oversight and limits on VA construction projects
 - Including funding for VA oversight offices to protect whistleblowers and increase accountability by investigating poorly performing managers and inferior patient care

➤ **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
- **Provides \$1.6B for housing all 1,400,000 military families currently served**
- Includes **\$361M** for the construction or alteration of new or existing military medical facilities, **allowing for the care of 9.8 million eligible beneficiaries, including our wounded troops abroad**
- Fulfills our ongoing responsibilities in the Global War on Terror and the European Deterrence Initiative by providing **\$921M** in Overseas Contingency Operations funding for 27 projects