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FROM: Ben Rangel, Concerned Veterans for America Action Advisor RE: Reps. Roy & Taylor: the leaders veterans need in the Lone Star State

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Concerned Veterans for America Action (CVA Action) today announces its endorsement of Reps. Chip Roy and Van Taylor for reelection to Congress. CVA Action is dedicated to electing candidates based on their active leadership roles on top policy priorities to improve the lives of our nation's veterans and all Americans.

Like so many other veterans, the Lone Star State is my home—a place where we can enjoy the freedoms and liberties we fought for and defended. Part of what has made Texas such a welcoming place for its roughly 1.5 million veterans has been the steady, tested, and devoted leadership in Washington on their behalf. Two such members of Congress who have proven themselves to be champions for the issues important to veterans are Reps. Chip Roy and Van Taylor.

These two leaders have demonstrated a principled dedication to working toward solutions to the issues facing Texas veterans and our country. On vital issues, such as the future of the Department of Veterans Affairs and veterans' health care, we need such determined leaders. We must ensure Reps. Roy and Taylor can continue being the voice in Washington for Texas' veteran community.

In 2014, the country was rocked by the Phoenix VA scandal, as more than 200 veterans died waiting for care while on secret wait lists. It was abundantly clear accountability, transparency, and leadership were sorely needed. Now, as we have ended America's longest ever war and veterans are returning home, making sure they can get the care they need, when and where they need it, is as important as ever.

Rep. Roy has used his time in Congress to become a leading voice on veterans' issues, serving on the House Veterans Affairs Committee and working to put veterans, and all Americans, in charge of their own health care. At the onset of the COVID-19 crisis, Rep. Roy introduced legislation to remove unnecessary and burdensome barriers and allow veterans to fill needed prescriptions more conveniently, giving them the peace of mind and the freedom they deserve. He has also supported measures to bring much needed reforms to the VA and realign the organization to better serve the veterans who rely on it for vital care.

For his part, Rep. Taylor has been active in veterans' issues, <u>fighting to make sure</u> the veterans suffering from the visible and invisible scars of battle are afforded every opportunity to get care

that will help them live their best lives. Rep. Taylor has sought these outside-the-box solutions in his approach to serving the Texans in his district, not shying away from <u>reaching across the aisle</u> to partner with others seeking to remove barriers to freedom and prosperity.

Reps. Roy and Taylor's leadership doesn't stop there. Both have supported efforts to deliver more economic freedom for Texans, rethink the country's stale approach to foreign policy, and put America on more solid financial footing to ensure prosperity for generations to come—making sure the sacrifices of America's veterans were not in vain.

As our country faces new and deepening crises, we need the proven and principled leadership Reps. Roy and Taylor have demonstrated. Texas veterans and military families need champions such as them to be their voice in a turbulent Washington.

Concerned Veterans for America Action urges Texas veterans, active duty service members, their families, their neighbors, and all Texas voters to re-elect Reps. Chip Roy and Van Taylor this November. They are the leaders we need, and Texas deserves.