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**Bill's Blueprint To
Support Our Veterans**




My Fellow Tennesseans,

More than 470,000 veterans call Tennessee home.

My father served in the Coast Guard stationed on Wake Island in the Pacific during the Korean War, and he taught me the true meaning of love of country. I'm forever grateful for the men and women of the Armed Forces, who answer the call of service. As the U.S. Ambassador to Japan, I worked daily with the leadership of U.S. forces in Japan - the largest component of the U.S. military posted outside the United States - to ensure our mission there and in Asia is fully-supported. I saw first-hand the dedication and impact of our military as they ensure the security of our nation and allies in a very challenging region. That's why it's incredibly crucial for the federal government to take care of our military service members when they transition from active duty to civilian life. Freedom is not free, and we must always take care of those who risked and sacrificed so much to protect our American way of life.

Under President Obama's Administration, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and its facilities failed our country's veterans in many respects. In addition to underfunding this vital agency, there were reports of Veterans Health Administration officials across the country falsifying appointment records to hit the targeted goal of getting veterans an appointment within 14 days. This widespread mismanagement led to the loss of veterans' lives across the country. One of the worst examples is Phoenix, Arizona where 40 veterans passed while waiting for care.

This is unacceptable, and President Donald Trump is working to ensure it will never happen again.




Since taking office, President Trump has worked to ensure our men and women in the military have the health care and benefits they were promised and earned. To that end, President Trump has fully funded the Department of Veterans Affairs, implemented legislation to increase access to quality care through telehealth and signed legislation to improve the quality of care for our veterans. He signed the VA MISSION Act to increase choices of care and the Veterans Affairs Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act to ensure VA officials and employees deliver timely, quality care to our veterans.

This decisive action is the kind of leadership our country needs, and I will continue to stand with President Trump to fix the VA healthcare system.



In the Senate, I'll fight to support our veterans by:

- ✓ Protecting Fort Campbell, Arnold Air Force Base, And Millington Naval Base
- ✓ Working With President Trump To Repair The Broken VA Health Care System
- ✓ Increasing Health Care Options For Veterans Outside Of The VA System For Regular Care
- ✓ Working With Organizations To Improve Career Opportunities For Veterans
- ✓ Providing Assistance For Veterans Transitioning To Civilian Life



As we continue to release more policy blueprints detailing how I will serve you in the United States Senate, I ask you to reach out to me and share what issues are most pressing for you so we can implement real solutions. I am running for U.S. Senate with President Trump's "complete and total endorsement." In the Senate, I will work for you, but to do that effectively, I must have your help and input. I am grateful to the Tennesseans who provided their perspective for this blueprint, and I look forward to seeing you all on the campaign trail, so we can talk more about how I will stand with President Trump to support our veterans. If you ever need to reach me, my email is Bill@TeamHagerty.com.



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Protecting Fort Campbell, Arnold Air Force Base And Millington Naval Base

Tennessee is home to thousands of service members stationed at Fort Campbell, Arnold Air Force Base and the Millington Naval Base. These facilities not only train our servicemen and women to be exceptional heroes; but also provide a positive economic impact on our communities. As Tennessee's Economic and Community Development Commissioner, I saw first-hand the tremendous impact that military training can bring to our workforce. I worked hard to bring economic opportunities to those returning from service who desired to live and work in our beautiful state. As your next Senator, I will continue to protect Fort Campbell, Arnold Air Force Base and Millington Naval Base to ensure they remain operational in Tennessee. Tennessee has a long history and tradition of training and supporting the finest soldiers in the country; I will make sure we continue to lead the nation.



Working With President Trump To Repair The Broken VA Health Care System

Under President Obama and Vice President Joe Biden's Administration, the VA health care system failed veterans in many respects. Morale was low within the organization. The Obama Administration cut funding and created an environment that resulted in staff entering false reports with the aim of deceptively showing patient care deadlines were met. Because of the Obama-Biden Administration's mismanagement, veterans died while waiting for care. President Trump has completely transformed the VA health care system and fired more than 8,000 bad actors who failed our veterans. Additionally, the President signed legislation to increase access to care such as telehealth and to decrease wait times by allowing veterans to access tools online. In the Senate, I will continue to stand with President Trump to reform our VA health care system by putting veterans themselves at the center of their health care choices - rather than Washington bureaucrats.



Increasing Health Care Options For Veterans Outside Of The VA System For Regular Care

Our veterans risked their lives to defend our freedoms and liberties; they should not be beholden to Washington's red tape. They ought to be able to see the doctor they choose - not rely on an antiquated, burdensome system. The Obama-Biden Administration's complex regulations made it nearly impossible for veterans to seek health care outside of the VA system. That's why President Trump extended the VA Choice Program and signed the VA MISSION Act, which modernizes the VA system and allows veterans to seek care close to home. This common-sense reform is greatly needed, and I will support President Trump's efforts to allow veterans to receive health care from their preferred medical providers.



Working With Organizations To Improve Career Opportunities For Veterans

In the wake of the Wuhan coronavirus, we have seen the success of public-private partnerships. These partnerships have streamlined our government and delivered for the American people in a fast and responsible manner. We can apply this same partnership model with veteran organizations to improve career opportunities for our veterans. President Trump has already laid the groundwork for this common-sense reform – reaching record level lows for veteran unemployment. I will continue to stand with the President to ensure our veterans have the resources they need to improve their career opportunities.



Providing Assistance For Veterans Transitioning To Civilian Life

The transition from active duty to civilian life is not easy, and we must provide assistance for veterans during this challenging time. President Trump has worked tirelessly to provide resources for veterans, such as improving access to suicide prevention hotlines and creating a 24/7 White House VA hotline so veterans can receive immediate aid. I wholeheartedly stand with President Trump on his efforts to support our veterans. In the Senate, I will back programs like Veterans Treatment Courts to ensure they do not fall through the cracks of our criminal justice system. And I will work every day to ensure our veterans have the resources they need to transition and readjust to civilian life. Our veterans fought for us, and now we must fight for them.



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