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*Statement of*  
**Concerned Veterans for America**  
*before the*  
**House Veterans Affairs Committee**  
*regarding*  
**Pending Legislation**

**October 12, 2017**

**Draft Legislation – The Asset and Infrastructure Review Act of 2017**

*A bill to establish an independent commission to review and re-align the Department of Veterans Affairs's current infrastructure.*

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) devotes large amounts of resources to maintain aging and excess infrastructure across the country. This had led to funds that could have been spent directly in support of our veterans being wasted on the upkeep of buildings and land that should have been sold, downsized, or re-purposed for other uses long ago. Additionally, the VA's current infrastructure footprint was designed to serve a veteran population that is much different from the current one and which will not serve the much smaller and more dispersed veteran population of the future. It is for these reasons that VA Secretaries under Presidents Bush, Obama, and Trump have all stated the need for a comprehensive asset review and re-alignment. Concerned Veterans for America has long advocated for this type of legislation and we feel it is essential to ensuring that the VA is best equipped to serve our veterans now and in the future.

**Concerned Veterans for America supports this legislation.**

**HR 2773 - To authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to sell Pershing Hall**

*A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to sell Pershing Hall for fair market value*

The VA should have the ability to sell Pershing Hall in Paris, France in order to direct resources to other more critical programs.

**Concerned Veterans for America supports this legislation.**