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Statement for the Record

Congressman Ken Calvert (CA-41)

House Veterans Affairs Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

Legislative Hearing on H.R. 1663 – The Veterans Scam and Fraud Evasion (VSAFE) Act of 2025 and Other Pending Legislation

Chair Kiggans, Ranking Member Ramirez, and Members of the Subcommittee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a statement for the record in support of my legislation, H.R. 1663, Veterans Scam and Fraud Evasion (VSAFE) Act of 2025.

I introduced the VSAFE Act to address a growing and deeply troubling issue facing our veterans and their families: the alarming rise in scams and fraudulent schemes that target those who have served our nation. Too often, bad actors seek to exploit the trust and vulnerabilities of our veteran community, whether by impersonating officials, misusing personal data, or misleading them into surrendering hard-earned benefits.

The VSAFE Act is a simple and straightforward bill that would establish a Veterans Scam and Fraud Evasion Officer at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). This role would serve as a centralized authority to coordinate prevention efforts, promote awareness, respond to incidents, and improve interagency communication. Importantly, this bill does not authorize additional personnel or diminish the oversight authority of the VA Office of Inspector General. Rather, it strengthens the Department's ability to act proactively and protect our veterans from harm.

This legislation has bipartisan support and reflects a commonsense step toward safeguarding the integrity of our veterans' benefits and peace of mind. By providing veterans with more consistent guidance on how to identify, report, and avoid fraud and scam attempts, we can reduce their occurrence. I commend the Subcommittee for holding this important hearing and look forward to working with you all to advance this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of Ken Calvert in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

KEN CALVERT
Member of Congress