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In a major win for counties, the U.S. Senate introduced new bipartisan legislation this week to support County Veteran Service Officers

ACTION NEEDED: The National Association of Counties urges you to contact your members of Congress to support the *Commitment to Veteran Support and Outreach Act*.

Across the country, County Veteran Service Officers (CVSOs) connect veterans with a wide variety of federal benefits offered through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), including health services, housing and transition assistance programs. Currently, however, **these offices are funded almost entirely by counties**, creating challenges for counties with high demand or that serve veterans in rural areas.

The U.S. Senate bill, the *Commitment to Veteran Support and Outreach Act*, would address these challenges by allocating \$250 million in new federal funding to the VA over five years to increase the number of CVSOs in counties. These new personnel resources would help counties better meet the needs of local veterans and support the well-being of residents in our communities.

In the **U.S. Senate**, ask your senators to support passage of the *Commitment to Veteran Support and Outreach Act*.

In the **U.S. House**, ask your representative to support companion legislation to the *Commitment to Veteran Support and Outreach Act*.