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Hello fellow New Mexicans.

I think it is time to talk about Section 108 of the Take Care of America's Veterans Act (H.R.9237).

What is Section 108 and what is all the conversation about?

"Section 108 would move Congress directly into that process by changing how certain disabilities, including tinnitus and sleep apnea, are evaluated and compensated."

<https://www.vfw.org/media-and-events/latest-releases/archives/2026/6/congress-cant-do-its-own-job-much-less-determine-veteran-disability-status>

In short, the Congress wants to determine how you are to be treated medically and compensated. This section will allow Congress to move the funding from veterans with tinnitus and Sleep apnea to other parts of the bill as a cost saving measure.

Many veterans organizations see this as a "robbing Peter to pay Paul" scheme where they pull funding from one group of disabled veterans to finance other disabled veterans expenditures keeping within a budget.

Our government should not put luxury expenditures ahead of our veterans, ever. The section is nothing more than offsetting cost, just shifting funds around without appropriating more funding.

If you would like to communicate with Kansas Sen. Jerry Moran who introduced this section into the Take Care of America's Veterans Act, his email address is

<https://www.moran.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/e-mail-jerry> .

If you have any questions or would like to research more, please feel free to call me at 505-395-6393 or email me at ljgersich@gmail.com.

Thank you for your time,

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