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**Statement by VA Secretary Dr. David Shulkin on introduction of S. 1094, the Department of Veterans Affairs Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act of 2017**

I applaud Chairman Isakson, Senator Rubio and Ranking Member Tester for introducing S. 1094, the Department of Veterans Affairs Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act of 2017, among other co-sponsors. Together with similar House-passed legislation sponsored by House Veterans Affairs' Chairman Phil Roe, I have increasing confidence Congress will provide me and future Secretaries the authority we need to hold our employees accountable and protect whistleblowers from retaliation. This bill is great news for Veterans and for the hardworking employees at VA.