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**Statement by VA Press Secretary Curt Cashour  
on VA's near-term priorities under Acting Secretary Robert Wilkie**

Under VA's new leadership, which is now firmly aligned with President Trump and his priorities, the department's operations have improved in many ways.

In a number of cases, employees who were wedded to the status quo and not on board with this administration's policies or pace of change have now departed VA.

Under Acting Secretary Wilkie's leadership, senior VA officials are now on the same page, speaking with one voice to Veterans, employees and outside stakeholders, such as Congress and veterans service organizations, and are focused on a number of key priorities in the short term. These include:

**Main Goal**

Restore regular order by working closely with the White House to implement the president's priorities for VA.

**Specific Near-Term Priorities**

- Work with Congress to get community care reform legislation passed by Memorial Day
  - VA released its [vision for community care reform](#) late last year
- Finalize a decision on the department's electronic health record (EHR) modernization
- Work with the White House to get Admiral Ronny Jackson confirmed by the U.S. Senate