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## VA and U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation launch effort to prioritize mental health and emotional wellbeing in America's workplace

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Secretary's Center for Strategic Partnerships and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation today, pledged to support the mental health and welfare of the country's workforce.

Included in this collaboration is the President's Roadmap to Empower Veterans and End the National Tragedy of Suicide or PREVENTS and more than two dozen leading partners representing more than six million workers nationwide.

"We're grateful for the opportunity to work with public and private partners to make mental health a priority," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "We're working with a coalition of companies and organizations to develop a best-practices guide on mental health in the workplace."

The guide will help empower employers of all sizes as they work to prioritize employee welfare and address this critical issue.

"Mental health and wellbeing are top strategic imperatives for American business, as represented by the broad coalition of companies and organizations who are working with the Chamber Foundation and the Department of Veterans Affairs to prioritize mental health in the workplace," said U.S. Chamber of Commerce vice president and <u>Hiring Our Heroes</u> president, Eric Eversole. "Together, we can make a meaningful difference in our employees' lives and strengthen our communities."

Promoting emotional health in corporate America is a necessary step towards ending the stigma for Veterans and non-Veterans alike.