

Resolution 18
Rehabilitation Committee

Oppose the Proposed Presidential Budget for FY 2018

WHEREAS, the proposed FY2018 Presidential budget was recently released touting 2.9 billion in new spending beginning October 1, 2017 to fund the Veterans Choice Program, and

WHEREAS, the proposal also provides mandatory funding to extend the Veterans Choice Program, and

WHEREAS, this proposal also offers as an "*offset for the extra cost*", a new restriction on compensation for veterans through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) "individual unemployability" program, and

WHEREAS, this proposal essentially takes away from one specific program to bolster another, now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the American Legion take a stand to oppose this proposed budget and make it known to Congress and the President of the United States that we will not agree with pitting one veteran against another for the sake of the budget, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the American Legion publicly take a stand of opposition on this issue or any other issue that reduces one veterans entitlement for another, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the members of the Department of New York approve this resolution at its annual Convention in Syracuse, NY on July 20-22, 2017, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Department New York forward this resolution to the National Organization for consideration and action at the National Convention in Reno, Nevada on August 18-24, 2017.