

News from Congressman

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Chairman Edwards Statement on Administration VA Budget Request

(Washington, D.C.) - Congressman Chet Edwards, Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, today released the following statement on the release of the Administration's Fiscal Year 2009 Department of Veterans Affairs' budget:

"American veterans deserve better than a budget that would cut VA medical research and hospital construction this year and cut medical care starting in October 2009. It is also wrong for this Administration to propose burdening veterans with an additional \$5.2 billion in increased fees over the next 10 years. Haven't our veterans already sacrificed enough?"

Edwards is the author of \$11.8 billion in increased veterans' health care and benefits in 2007, the largest increase in veterans funding in the 77-year history of the Veterans Administration.