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Demanding the immediate reinstatement of all veteran Federal employees involuntarily removed or otherwise dismissed without cause since January 20, 2025.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. DUCKWORTH submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

RESOLUTION

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Whereas, on February 13, 2025, the Department of Veterans Affairs (in this preamble referred to as the “Department”) issued a statement dismissing more than 1,000 employees, including Veterans Crisis Line workers;

Whereas, on February 24, 2025, the Department issued a statement dismissing an additional 1,400 employees, once again including Veterans Crisis Line workers;

Whereas, on March 4, 2025, the Department distributed an internal memorandum outlining plans to dismiss up to 83,000 employees this year;

Whereas, at least 6,000 veterans have been dismissed across the Federal workforce because of the Trump administration's sweep of mass terminations across the Federal Government;

Whereas, despite repeated demands for transparency and good governance, Members of Congress and the United States public have yet to receive—

(1) data or justification about—

(A) the decision-making process that lead to these involuntary dismissals; or

(B) the already existing disruptions to several critical Department programs; or

(2) the Administration's plan for the future of the Department;

Whereas veterans make up 30 percent of the Federal workforce, serving first in uniform and then choosing to continue to serve in the Federal Government; and

Whereas it is the duty of the United States to support our veterans by making sure they have the benefits and care they were promised: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that any
2 veteran Federal employee that was involuntarily removed
3 or otherwise dismissed without cause since January 20,
4 2025, should—

5 (1) be immediately reinstated with guaranteed
6 full and timely back pay; and

7 (2) receive timely notice of their reinstatement
8 with clear instructions on the path forward for their
9 position, with clear understanding, communication,

- 1 and oversight from their respective chains of com-
- 2 mand.

