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## **STATEMENT OF ADMINISTRATION POLICY**

### **H.R. 6047 – Sharri Briley and Eric Edmundson Veterans Benefits Expansion Act of 2026**

(Rep. Barrett, R-MI, and 14 cosponsors)

Our Nation owes a deep debt of gratitude to our military servicemembers, wounded and fallen Warriors, and their families who have given so much to protect their fellow Americans. In recognition of their service and sacrifice, the Administration supports the intent of H.R. 6047, which would increase financial compensation provided by the Special Monthly Compensation (SMC) and Dependency and Indemnity Compensations (DIC) programs and expand VA home loan benefits.

It is our solemn responsibility to guarantee that disabled Veterans and their families are provided with benefits which safeguard their dignity, offer increased financial security, and recognize their great sacrifices. To that end, H.R. 6047 would provide the first non-inflationary increase in DIC payments since 1993 to Sharri Briley and over 500,000 other survivors, ensuring that this country maintains its commitment to families who have made the ultimate sacrifice. The bill's \$10,000 in additional annual SMC compensation would also significantly improve the lives of Veterans like Eric Edmundson with severe disabilities, ensuring that these Veterans and their families have the resources to access proper care. Although the Administration supports the intent of this legislation, we recommend that Congress reconsider Section 3, as the proposed offset does not fully cover the spending increases associated with the benefit enhancements. Additionally, the Administration is concerned that this legislation creates inequities by increasing costs for Veterans, specifically through higher home loan funding fees to finance the new benefit.

Furthermore, H.R. 6047 would expand eligibility for Veteran home loan benefits to members of the National Guard and Reserve, allowing more of the incredible men and women who volunteer to protect this great Nation access to VA home loan guarantees. Together, these program enhancements build on the Trump Administration's pledge to support our active-duty military, Veterans, and their families.

If H.R. 6047 were presented to the President with amendments, his advisors would recommend that he sign it into law.

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