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**Vietnam Veterans of America’s Veterans Health Council Calls on Senate to Oppose Importation of Medicines****(Washington, D.C.)**–Dr. Tom Berger, Executive Director of Vietnam Veterans of America’s Veterans Health Council, released the following statement today, urging the Senate to oppose any consideration of putting the American drug supply at risk by importing drugs from other countries:“For many years, the Veterans Health Council has stood in opposition to the importation of medicines. Once again, the time has come to affirm our position on this issue We are deeply disappointed to hear that the Senate might be considering legislation for the importation of prescription medicines from overseas for whom the FDA has no jurisdiction. Framed as a cost-cutting measure, this could serve as a serious threat to our national security. It needlessly exposes millions of American patients, many of whom are veterans and family members of veterans, to medicines the U.S. simply cannot guarantee to be safe or effective."Vietnam Veterans of America is the nation’s only congressionally chartered veterans service organization dedicated to the needs of Vietnam-era veterans and their families. VVA's founding principle is “Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another.” *“Vietnam Veterans of America is the nation’s only congressionally chartered veterans’ service organization dedicated to the needs of Vietnam-era veterans and their families. VVA’s founding principle is “Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another.”*  |

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