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**TO:** Interested Parties  
**FROM:** Russ Duerstine, Concerned Veterans for America Action Advisor  
**RE:** Sen. Cornyn & Rep. Roy: the leaders veterans need in the Lone Star State  
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**Concerned Veterans for America Action today announces its endorsement of Senator John Cornyn and Representative Chip Roy for reelection to Congress. CVA Action is dedicated to electing candidates based on their active leadership roles on top policy priorities to improve the lives of our nation's veterans and all Americans.**

Like so many others, I came to Texas while I was serving in the United States Air Force. Also like many others who served, I stayed in Texas after my service. As veterans, we have found a home here in the Lone Star State; where we can enjoy the freedoms and liberties we volunteered to defend and fight for.

Part of what has made Texas such a welcoming place for its [roughly 1.5 million](#) veterans has been the steady, tested, and devoted leadership in Washington on their behalf. Two such members of Congress who have proven themselves to be champions for veterans' issues are Senator John Cornyn and Representative Chip Roy.

These two leaders have demonstrated a principled dedication to working toward solutions to the issues facing Texas' veterans and our country as a whole. On the issues important to veterans, such as the future of the VA and veterans' health care, we need such determined leaders. We must ensure Sen. Cornyn and Rep. Roy can continue being the voice in Washington for Texas' veteran community.

Six short years ago, the country was rocked by the Phoenix VA scandal, as more than 200 veterans died waiting for care while on secret waitlists. It was abundantly clear accountability, transparency, and leadership was sorely needed.

Sen. Cornyn showed that leadership by working across the aisle and [co-sponsoring](#) legislation to ensure greater accountability and transparency at the VA, and put an end to protections for bad employees who did not have the best interests or care for the veterans they served in mind. He also supported the legislation that became the Choice Act, which aimed to give veterans more health care options by allowing eligible veterans to receive care closer to where they live and by the doctors of their choosing.

From the Choice Act came the VA MISSION Act, which brought needed improvements and even greater choice for veterans. Cornyn's support helped get that bill across the finish line and on the president's desk. Both Cornyn and Roy have been vocal supporters of the measure and have continued working to ensure its provisions are not scaled back and veterans can enjoy the full extent of the options it provides.

For his part, Rep. Roy has used his short time in Congress to become a leading voice on veterans' issues, serving on the House Veterans Affairs Committee and working to put veterans, and all Americans, in charge of their own health care. Earlier this year, amid the COVID-19 crisis, Rep. Roy [introduced legislation](#) to remove unnecessary and burdensome barriers and allow veterans to fill needed prescriptions more conveniently, giving them the peace of mind and freedom they deserve.

Their leadership doesn't stop there. Both have supported efforts to deliver more economic freedom for Texans, working to [curb wasteful spending](#) and get America back on [more solid financial ground](#). They have [stood firm](#) on the principles we value and that will make America stronger. They have worked to [eliminate red tape break down the barriers](#) keeping Texans from living their best lives.

But now, as our country faces new and deepening crises, we need the proven and principled leadership that Sen. Cornyn and Rep. Roy have demonstrated. Texas' veterans and military families need champions like Sen. Cornyn and Rep. Roy to be their voice in a tumultuous Washington.

Concerned Veterans for America Action urges Texas' veterans, active duty servicemembers, their families, their neighbors, and all Texas voters to re-elect Sen. John Cornyn and Rep. Chip Roy this November. They are the leaders we need, and Texas deserves.