

Washington D.C. – Congressman Kevin McCarthy and his 12 newly elected Republican colleagues sent President Bush a letter to express their concerns over conditions at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center, and demand for greater accountability at health care facilities that serve our nation’s heroes. In the letter to President Bush, McCarthy and his 12 colleagues called conditions at Walter Reed “deplorable” and stated their desire to “hold those in charge accountable.”

In addition, as Congress and the Bush Administration are currently scrutinizing conditions, federal policies, and oversight at military health facilities like Walter Reed, in their letter, the 13 new Republican members of Congress also emphasized that reforms are needed at V.A. health centers as well, since all facilities that serve the health care needs of our nation’s heroes should to be scrutinized.

“I am outraged by the inexcusable conditions that some of our men and women in the Armed Forces were living in” said McCarthy. “Americans must protect our brave soldiers and veterans who courageously fought to protect our freedoms. In light of the current conditions at our military and VA facilities, I support stronger accountability through a comprehensive review of our military and VA medical centers. We have a moral obligation to care for those that answered our country’s call to duty.”

[\(THE FULL TEXT OF THE LETTER IS ATTACHED\)](#)