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Official Response on Supreme Court Decision

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June 18, 2016. Veterans first in contracting as part of the Veterans Benefits, Health Care, and Information Technology Act of 2006 has been upheld by the Supreme Court. It has been a long ten years since its passage and a battle that the Department of Veteran's Affairs predicted would be determined by the courts. The Supreme Court has reaffirmed what the General Accountability Office confirmed and what we have known to be true from the beginning. With this ruling, the Department of Veteran's Affairs can continue its mission by setting aside opportunities for those who have served as it fulfills President Lincoln's promise: "To care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan..." This ruling will directly impact the economic standing of thousands of certified service disabled and veteran owned companies and the millions they support.

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