President Obama backs off plan to change veterans' benefits after pressure from Mitchell, veterans' groups

WASHINGTON - U.S. Rep. Harry Mitchell issued the following statement regarding President Obama's announcement that he will end plans to change veterans' benefits:

"Yesterday, more than 60 of my colleagues and I sent a bipartisan letter to President Obama expressing our opposition to a misguided plan to bill veterans' private insurers for combat injuries. Today, I am very pleased that the president has heard the concerns of members of Congress, veterans' service organizations, and veterans across the country and that he is scrapping those plans. Today, we mark a victory for veterans in Arizona and throughout our nation."