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Add at the end the following new section:

SEC. 14. PROHIBITION ON HIRING FREEZE FROM AFFECTING VETERANS PREFERENCE ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.

Notwithstanding the memorandum titled “Presidential Memorandum Regarding the Hiring Freeze” published on January 23, 2017, or any other substantially similar memorandum, Executive order, or other action by the President to prevent a department or agency of the Federal Government from filling vacant Federal civilian employee positions or creating new such positions, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs may appoint an individual who is preference eligible under section 2108 of title 5, United States Code, as amended by section 5, to such vacant or new position.