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Breton M. Weintraub, MD Director Fargo VA Health Care System 2101 N Elm Fargo, ND 58102

Dear Dr. Weintraub:

I would like to express my strong support for the application by the Fargo VA Health Care System for a Fisher House grant through the Fisher House Foundation.

The Fargo VA Health Care System covers a highly rural area consisting of the entire state of North Dakota and a large segment of northwest Minnesota. Frequently, Veterans travel exceptionally long distances to receive care. The burden on family members to accompany these Veterans can be substantial. Having a Fisher House located in Fargo will provide much-needed assistance to those families. A Fisher House will provide a convenient and affordable place to stay, as well as the opportunity to be close to their loved ones through difficult times.

Caregivers and family members provide tremendous support to Veterans during times of serious illness. The importance of such support cannot be underestimated, a Fisher House will be key in allowing this to occur. The community has shown strong support for a Fisher House in Fargo and is prepared to do its part to make a Fisher House a reality for our Veterans and their families.

I thank the Fisher House Foundation in advance and urge them to give this application every possible consideration.

Sincerely,

Kelly Armstrong Member of Congress