United States Senate

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

Dear Dr. Weintraub:

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

The service area of the Fargo VA Health Care System is expansive, reaching veterans in rural areas across all of North Dakota and a large segment of northwest Minnesota. Because of this, veterans often travel long distances for care, as do family members who accompany them to Fargo.

Having a Fisher House located in Fargo will provide much-needed assistance to these families. Like they do for so many other VA medical centers in the nation, this Fisher House will provide a convenient and affordable place for families to stay and the opportunity for them to be close to their loved ones through difficult times.

Especially in times of serious illness, it is the caregivers and family members who provide crucial support to veterans. The importance of this support cannot be underestimated. The Fargo community and state stand ready to do their part to make a Fisher House a reality for our veterans and their families.

I have long admired the work of the Fisher House Foundation and urge its most positive consideration to approving this application.

Sincerely,

Kevin Cramer United States Senate