



The American Legion Department of Minnesota

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To: North Dakota VAMC,

The American Legion Department of Minnesota supports a Fisher House at the Fargo VA Medical Center. As the Commander of The American Legion Department of Minnesota, I am writing you to request your support for a Fisher House in Fargo ND at the VAMC. The Fargo VAMC serves 17 Minnesota counties and approximately 23,500 Veterans from Northern Minnesota. The closest Fisher House is in Minneapolis VAMC. It helps care for our Veterans' families, keeping them close by while loved ones receive the care they need. The Fargo VAMC has Veterans and their families traveling from highly rural areas-North Dakota, Minnesota, and South Dakota and the need for a Fisher House in Fargo just makes sense. The Federal VA is in the process of submitting an application for approval to the VA Central Office and we would like to include your letter of support in the application packet.

A Fisher House is much like a Ronald McDonald House but caters to the needs of Veterans and their families. The house is built by the Fisher Foundation and then donated to the Federal VA for operation. The Fisher homes are built for military and Veterans' families who can stay free of charge while a loved one is being cared for in our hospitals. These homes are located at military and VA medical centers around the world. The Fisher homes have all the comforts of a home, 21 suites with private bedrooms and bathrooms. Families share a common kitchen, laundry facilities, family style dining rooms and an inviting comfortable living room.

Please support the North Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs and submit your letter of support to the Commissioner of NDDVA. Thank you.

For God & Country

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