

Testimony in favor of HCR 3011 Joint Resolution Urging Congress to provide veterans medical coverage for hyperbaric treatment.

Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, my name is Nate Huntington, from Bismarck, ND.

I am submitting testimony in favor of HCR 3011 seeking that Congress provide veterans with medical coverage for hyperbaric oxygenation therapy.

I am representing the North Dakota Department of the American Legion (for which I am a registered Lobbyist) and my fellow Marines of Detachment 1419 of the Marine Corps League (Mandan) today.

As a military veteran, and as a Department representing veterans, I (and we) believe that it is appropriate for Congress to provide coverage for this treatment which aids the body in making its own recovery, rather than relying only on drugs and pharmaceuticals (which have their inherent risks and side effects). This resolution asks only that an additional option for treatment of traumatic brain injuries or posttraumatic stress disorder be made available – not that other treatments be removed. This resolution asks for support for veterans from Congress and should easily be resolved by the Legislature of North Dakota.

We support HCR 3011.

Thank you.