

Dear Members of Senate,

I am writing to express my strong support for Senate Bill 2265 an Act to provide an appropriation to the Department of Veterans Affairs for a Veterans National Cemetery Grant. This critical funding will provide much-needed resources to enhance the dignity and respect that our fallen heroes and their families deserve.

For years, our state has taken meaningful steps to support our veterans by investing in projects that honor their service and sacrifice. This initiative to enhance a memorial site, would continue to demonstrate our State's unwavering commitment to those who have served. While other projects have been funded by our state, our Veterans National Cemetery still lacks an appropriate facility to accommodate grieving families and loved ones during services.

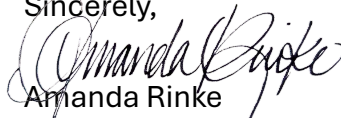
Currently, the cemetery operates without a dedicated building, forcing military funeral services to take place outdoors in often harsh and unpredictable weather conditions. Families are left standing in the bitter cold, the sweltering heat, or heavy rain as they lay their loved ones to rest. This lack of shelter and proper facilities not only places an unnecessary burden on grieving families but also fails to provide the honor and respect our fallen service members deserve.

Approving this grant will allow for the construction of a proper facility that will serve as a place of solace and dignity for families during burial services. It will also ensure that our veterans are honored with the respect and care befitting their sacrifices. This investment is not just about a building; it is about our collective responsibility to uphold the commitment we made to those who served our country.

I urge you to support SB 2265 and help provide the necessary funding for this crucial project. Our veterans and their families have given so much to our nation—it is our duty to ensure they receive the dignity, respect, and comfort they deserve.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amanda Rinke". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A".

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