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Re: Fargo VA Health Care System Fisher House Proposal

Dear Ms. Koget,

I am writing today to express my strong support for the Fisher House proposal submitted by the Fargo VA Health Care System.

The Fargo VA serves a diverse rural area including large portions of my district where veterans and their families drive hours to receive care. The costs associated with travel can become a distraction from the purpose of healing. The opportunity to stay at a Fisher House would provide respite from the journey and allow families time to focus on the care of their loved one.

With the help of the Fisher House Foundation, we can do more for veterans in this part of the country by eliminating the worry of where to stay and the need to spend hours driving back and forth. The dedicated staff and leadership at the Fargo VA have seen the need to support veterans and their families in this way, and I appreciate their efforts to address this need.

A Fisher House is an unsung hero that many don't know they need until they do. I hope that this can become a reality for the Fargo VA to serve the many veterans and their families who have already given so much. I thank the Fisher House Foundation in advance for giving this proposal every consideration.

Sincerely,

Collin C. Peterson Member of Congress