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ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

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September 3, 2020

Secretary Robert Wilkie
Veterans Affairs
Washington DC

Dear Mr. Secretary,

Please accept this letter of support for the approval of a Fisher House in Fargo North Dakota. The Fargo ND VA HCS has one of the largest veteran catchment areas covering all of North Dakota, Parts of Minnesota and South Dakota.

North Dakota is home to over 50,000 Veterans most of which live in highly rural areas. ND Veterans can travel up to 400 miles one-way to get to the Fargo VA HCS. The Veterans and dependents in North Dakota are in great need of this facility. Please consider approving this application. Feel free to contact my with any concerns.

Sincerely,

Dean Overby
Chairman
Administrative Committee On Veterans Affairs

Established on July 1, 1971 by SB 2089 of the North Dakota 42nd Legislative Assembly the Administrative Committee on Veterans Affairs (ACOVA) is responsible for the organization, policy, and general administration of all veterans' affairs in North Dakota. NDCC 37-18.1-03 It is comprised of 15 voting members, each appointed by the Governor, nominated by the five major veteran organizations in the state. Each year, the Governor is to appoint one member from a list of two names submitted by the following veteran organizations: American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, AMVETS, and Vietnam Veterans of America. The Committee is also comprised of three nonvoting members who are to serve in an advisory capacity - the North Dakota Adjutant General, the Center Director of the federal Veterans Affairs, and the Executive Director Job Service North Dakota. NDCC 37-18.1 The president of the ND Association of County and Tribal Veteran Service Officers (NDACTVSO) and the Director of ND Cares also serve on the ACOVA.

The Governor appoints a chairman and secretary of the Administrative Committee. NDCC 37-18.1-02

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