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Secretary Robert Wilkie
Veterans Affairs
Washington DC.

Dear Secretary Wilkie,

South Dakota has numerous counties that border North Dakota, and as such we have veterans that utilize North Dakota VA facilities.

The South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs supports the establishment of a Fisher House on the campus of the Fargo VA Medical Center.

Due to the rurality of North Dakota, the families of veterans need to have suitable lodging options to utilize while their loved ones utilize and recuperate at the Fargo VA Medical Center.

Thank you for your consideration, and my hope is that this letter will lend support to a favorable reply.

Sincerely,

Greg Whitlock, Secretary
South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs