



September 3, 2020

Secretary Robert Wilkie
Veterans Affairs
Washington DC

Dear Mr. Secretary,

The North Dakota Association of Counties is pleased to submit 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.

Currently there are no Fisher Houses in North Dakota or South Dakota. The nearest Fisher House is Minnesota's sole Fisher House located in Minneapolis. The County Veterans' Services Officers that serve my 53 member counties inform me that North Dakota Veterans can travel up to 400 miles one-way to get to the Fargo VA HCS. The Veterans and dependents in this highly rural would benefit greatly from this facility. Please consider approving this application.

Sincerely,

Terry Traynor, Executive Director
North Dakota Association of Counties