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Honorable Tina Kotek  
Governor of Oregon  
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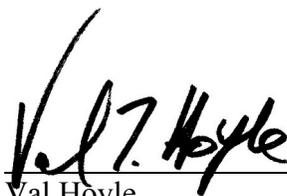
Dear Governor Kotek,

We write in support of the State's efforts to identify and allocate funding to establish a Roseburg veterans' home. The Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA) established two veterans' homes in Oregon: the Oregon Veterans' Home in The Dalles, which can accommodate up to 151 residents who need long-term care in a facility with skilled nursing, memory care, and inpatient and outpatient rehabilitative care, and the Edward C. Allworth Veterans' Home in Lebanon, which is organized around the idea of intentional community or neighborhood and recognized as a national model of "small home care." The Lebanon facility consists of four neighborhoods, with up to three houses per neighborhood, serving a total of 154 residents.

As you know, the long-awaited Roseburg veterans' home remains in the preliminary stages of pre-construction absent state funding. Pre-construction plans indicate that the Roseburg veterans' home would be built on the Roseburg VA campus and likely be based on the successful Lebanon Home, with neighborhoods providing flexibility in delivery of care to meet the needs of veterans in southwest Oregon. The new home would include much needed memory care services and serve approximately 120-150 residents. We support and encourage efforts by the State to identify and allocate the 35% funding match necessary for this veteran's home in Roseburg to move forward, giving our veterans seamless care and easy access to services provided at such a facility.

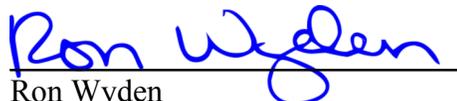
Should those funds be established, we will continue our efforts to encourage the Department of Veterans Affairs to prioritize Oregon for its next facility. Thank you for your consideration.

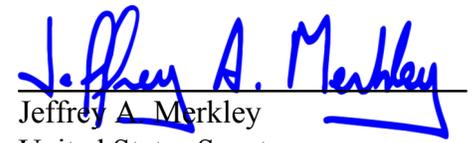
Sincerely,



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United States Senator

CC: Senator Elizabeth Steiner, Co-Chair, Joint Committee on Ways and Means

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