

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

July 19, 2017

The Honorable David S. Shulkin  
Secretary  
US Department of Veterans Affairs  
810 Vermont Ave NW  
Washington, D.C. 20420

Dear Secretary Shulkin:

We are deeply concerned by recent stories that the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) will not receive funding for two state veteran homeless programs, located in King and Union Grove, Wisconsin.

These programs, funded by the Department of Veterans Affairs' Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program, have served our communities for over two decades and have provided vital resources to our veterans most in need. We must ensure vulnerable Wisconsin veterans and their families do not lose access to these critical services.

Unfortunately, there are over 400 homeless veterans in Wisconsin<sup>1</sup>. As Wisconsin's federal Representatives, it is our responsibility to ensure the Department continues to support homeless and at-risk veterans across our state. These facilities have played an integral role in assisting veterans with temporary housing, substance abuse treatment, and other important wellness services. Given the sacrifices these veterans have made on behalf of our country, we cannot turn our back on them.

**We strongly urge the Department to provide the funding necessary to help support these vital programs which provide much needed resources to Wisconsin veterans.** Additionally, we feel the VA should change their recent policy requiring yearly renewals of the Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem program. The loss of this funding is devastating to Wisconsin veterans who must now be uprooted from an effective and safe homeless housing program.

We look forward to working with you and the WDVA to ensure these veterans are able to remain in safe and stable housing.

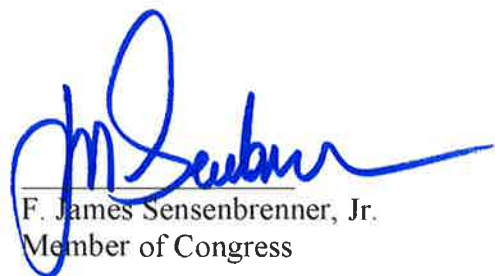
Sincerely,



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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/2016-AHAR-Part-1.pdf>