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Assembly Speaker Herb Wesson  
State Capitol  
Capitol Building #219  
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Speaker Wesson,

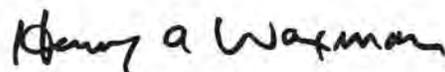
I am writing to express my support for Assembly Bill 2559, which will allocate Proposition 16 funds for the construction of much-needed California Veterans Homes in Lancaster, Saticoy and West Los Angeles.

As the Member of Congress representing the VA Greater Los Angeles Health Care System, I have seen the need first-hand for additional services on this campus. As you know, there are more than 690,000 veterans who presently reside in Los Angeles County and more veterans live in California than in any other state in the nation.

With the veteran population aging, a Veterans Home would offer a wide array of appropriate services to hundreds of needy veterans. I understand the facility would also house a primary Alzheimer's and dementia care unit and would be affiliated with the finest health professionals from UCLA and USC medical centers. I believe it would be an extremely beneficial addition to the VA Greater Los Angeles Health Care System.

Our nation owes our veterans a great debt. We should do everything we can to provide them the best care possible to repay them for their dedicated and selfless duty. A California Veterans Home in West Los Angeles would certainly go a long way to achieving this goal.

Sincerely,



HENRY A. WAXMAN  
Member of Congress