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Mr. Roger Casey
Program Manager
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
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Dear Mr. Casey:


I am writing to express my strong support for an application for grant funding submitted by the Veteran's Haven, Inc. of Wayne, Michigan. If awarded this grant, Veteran's Haven will use the funding to construct permanent affordable housing for veterans in and around Detroit, Michigan.

Veteran's Haven has provided support and counseling to thousands of homeless veterans. Their program has made thousands of veterans self-confident and self-sufficient as they transition from their military service to their civilian lives.

As you are probably aware the transition from homelessness to permanent housing is difficult. Veteran's Haven has proposed to build a three story building in Wayne, Michigan that will contain 18 one-bedroom units. This project will ensure veterans a smooth transition to normalcy. I am proud of the work Veteran's Haven has accomplished and look forward to their continued support of veterans in Southeast Michigan. With this grant, Veteran's Haven can not only give veterans the housing they need but also build upon the veterans' community we have in Michigan.

I appreciate your attention to this grant application and am pleased to offer my full support for Veteran's Haven.

Sincerely,


Joe Knollenberg
Member of Congress