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Honorable Dave Reichert  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1730 Longworth House Office Building  
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Representative Reichert:

On behalf of the nation's largest veterans service organization, the 2.4 million members of The American Legion, I express our support for H.R. 5830, the *Housing for Heroes Act*. This legislation amends title 38, United States Code, to enable certain non-profit organizations that serve homeless veterans to participate in the Grants and Per Diem (GPD) Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide transitional housing or other facilities for homeless veterans.

The American Legion has long been committed to supporting policies and programs that will provide housing and other resources to meet the needs of homeless veterans. This includes looking for ways to provide funding in support of those organizations that are dedicated to working with homeless veterans and helping them to become reintegrated into society and become productive citizens. This legislation will make it possible for more nonprofit organizations to provide housing and other facilities for homeless veterans by making these organizations eligible for existing funding in the VA Grants and Per Diem program.

I thank you for your efforts to put roofs over the heads of those veterans who have risked their lives for our freedoms and now find themselves homeless. The American Legion stands ready to assist you in passing this legislation.

Sincerely,



FANG A. WONG  
National Commander