

# UNITED VETERANS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF MINNESOTA

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May 8, 2018

The Honorable Sarah Anderson, Chair  
State Government Finance Committee  
Minnesota House of Representatives  
583 State Office Building  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Anderson and State Government Finance Committee Members-

The United Veteran Legislative Council supports the House provision in the State Government Finance Omnibus Supplemental Budget Bill that would allocate \$26 million dollars from the Vikings Stadium Reserve Fund for construction of new veterans' homes in Bemidji, Montevideo and Preston.

The United Veterans Legislative Council's Mission Statement is: "A consortium of Veteran, Military and Auxiliary Organizations to exchange information and support issues relating to legislation and entitlements for the over 370,000 Veterans, Military Retirees, National Guard and Military Reservists, their dependents and their survivors."

Construction of these veterans' homes fits well within the UVLC's mission. Using the Vikings Stadium Reserve and the funding source for these homes also makes sense because a portion of the Reserve is made up of tax revenue from pull-tabs. American Legions and VFWs sell a considerable number of pull-tabs which are bought by the Veterans who patronize VFWs and American Legion halls.

Thank you for your work and leadership on trying to finally secure the funding necessary for these needed new veterans' homes. We also wish to thank Chair Bob Dettmer of the Veterans Affairs Division for his tireless efforts on behalf of veterans over many years in trying to gain approval of funding for new veterans' homes.

Sincerely,

Jerry Kyser, Chairman  
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