

**Department of
Veterans Affairs**

Memorandum

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From: Roseburg VA Health Care System Director

Subj: Capital Construction Sub-Committee

To: Co-Chairs Sen. Girod and Rep. Holvey

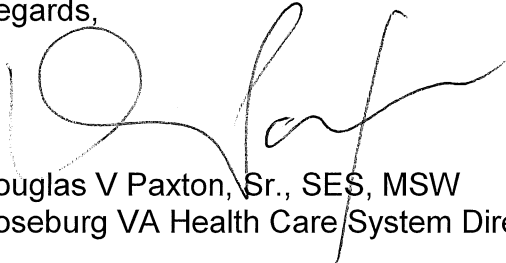
Please accept this request for a reauthorization of \$10.5 million in lottery bonds for the construction of a new Roseburg Veterans Home.

As the Director of the Roseburg VA, I can attest to the great need for service that exists in this community. VA homes provide many types of long and short term care, including skilled nursing, memory care, and rehabilitation services. Such facilities play a vital role in the veterans care model. However, Oregon's two existing veterans homes are at full capacity, leaving many veterans who would benefit from such care remain underserved.

Additionally, Roseburg is home to a disproportionate amount of veterans, and enjoys one of the highest veteran populations per capita nationally. Many veterans move to the Roseburg area to more easily access other care options, such as the veteran's hospital. Constructing the next Veterans Home in the Roseburg area is ideal, since it will allow Roseburg veterans to remain in their home community, while receiving top notch care.

Please make this request a priority for capital construction lottery bonds.

Regards,



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