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On Behalf Of: Curry County SAPC Veterans Task Group

Committee: House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

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Curry County Suicide Awareness and Prevention Council Veterans Task Group is meeting today. We wanted to thank you for this legislation. Our Gold Star Mother Rep is currently in the hospital and we hope that she gets out soon to receive good news of the creation of the Oregon Gold Star Families Memorial Highway,

in addition, I would like to thank you on behalf of the Gold Star family members in my family who will forever mourn the loss of my nephew, SGT, John "Kyle" Daggett, Army Ranger. Kyle was 21 years old when he died for this country. Also, my husband, Professor Ray "Skip" Hunter still has a family member MIA in Vietnam, Buddy Miller, US Air Force was shot down. They have never located his plane or Buddy's remains.

As part of the work that we do in our efforts reduce suicide among Veterans on the county that has had the highest per capita number of Veterans and the highest suicide rate among our Veterans, we work to serve our Veterans, Service Members and their families in Curry County. Add the numbers of Veterans, service members and their families together --that totals nearly 1/2 of the residents of Curry County. One doesn't have to say Road Trip twice to our Veterans Task Group members!