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To: Kansas House Veterans and Military Committee
Chair: Rep. Lonnie Clark

Committee,

I write in support of HB 2020 Requiring the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs Office to submit an initial application for a VA state veterans home construction grant.

I write this support personally and as a representative of Bob Wiley Memorial VFW Post 11499 of Basehor, KS. Our post is located in Leavenworth County and is one of Kansas' finest VFW posts working toward our 8th year in a row as a KS VFW All State post (no small feat) during which two back-to-back years we were an All American post at the VFW National level. I report these accolades to make it clear that **WE SUPPORT VETERANS!**

A Veteran Population: by County (2011 - 2015) survey reported by American Community Survey (ACS), conducted by the US Census, clearly shows the 20+ counties in NE Kansas have the greatest veteran population by percentage with Geary(Manhattan) and Leavenworth counties having the highest percentage in Kansas. The KS Commission on Veteran's Affairs Office (KCVAO) currently administers two VA Veteran's homes - one in Winfield and one in Dodge City. NE Kansas is in need of a large veteran's home to attend to the needs of the largest veteran populated area in Kansas.

I understand that submission of a grant application by KCVAO is not a done deal....the need is real and support of HB 2020 should be a "no-brainer" for this committee. I and my VFW Comrades thank you for your support of this bill and for

any future bill of similar nature that may come before this committee.

Sincerely,

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