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Honorable Aric Putnam, Chair
Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband and Rural Development – Subcommittee on Veterans Committee

Chair Putnam:

I thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony for the author's A2 amendment delete-all amendment to Senate File 1959 (SF1959 A-2), what will become the Veterans and Military Affairs Finance and Policy Omnibus bill.

The Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs appreciates your willingness to fund to the level of the Agency's and Governor's budget recommendations given the budget constraints for this biennium. This will allow MDVA to continue providing a high level of support to our state's Veterans and their families through our Programs & Services and Healthcare divisions.

We also appreciate the inclusion of policy items that we were pursuing this session including the federal alignment of burial eligibility, MAXIS database access for the Veterans Stable Housing Initiative within the Veterans Programs Division and the Gold Star and Blue Star Memorial Plaque in the Ring of Honor.

I look forward to continuing the work as SF1959 works its way through the legislative process. My agency stands ready to support the position you took with our funding levels on the Senate floor, in conference committee and repassage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Bradley S. Lindsay".

Bradley S. Lindsay
Commissioner

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