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Honorable Phil Roe, Chairman
Committee on Veterans' Affairs
United States House of Representatives
335 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

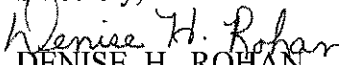
Dear Chairman Roe:

On behalf of more than 2 million members of The American Legion, the nation's largest veterans organization, we express our support for draft legislation entitled the *VA Asset and Infrastructure Review (AIR) Act*. This bill, as currently written, would establish a nine-member Asset and Infrastructure Review Commission. These members would comprise of three commission nominated, congressionally chartered, membership-based veteran service organizations.

This important commission would make recommendations to Congress for the modernization and realignment of Veterans Health Administration facilities. By including Congressional chartered organizations in this commission, like The American Legion, you ensure that veterans from all walks of life are being represented in these important discussions and decisions.

Through American Legion Resolution number 6, entitled *Department of Veterans Affairs Construction Programs*, passed at The American Legion's National Convention in 2016, supports any legislation that increases congressional oversight to improve future Department of Veterans Affairs construction programs.

In conclusion, The American Legion applauds your leadership in addressing issues that are important to America's servicemembers, veterans, and their families. We are thankful for the dedicated work your committee has done in addressing this issue. We stand with you in your efforts to pass meaningful legislation that supports our nation's heroes.

Sincerely,

DENISE H. ROHAN
National Commander