

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20510

April 14, 2025

The Honorable Douglas Collins  
Secretary  
United States Department of Veterans Affairs  
810 Vermont Ave., NW  
Washington, D.C. 20420

Dear Secretary Collins,

We write to urge the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to prioritize funding for the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs proposed state veterans' home in Roseburg, Oregon.

Since 2011, ODVA has worked closely with the VA to develop this critical project to serve veterans in southern Oregon — and the time to build the Roseburg Veterans' Home is now.

ODVA currently operates two world-class veterans' homes in Oregon: the Oregon Veterans' Home in The Dalles, a skilled nursing facility with memory care that can accommodate up to 151 residents, and the Edward C. Allworth Veterans' Home in Lebanon, which can serve up to 154 residents and is nationally recognized as a model for “small home care.” The Roseburg Veterans' Home would be a much-needed expansion of that good work.

Roseburg, the county seat of Douglas County, Oregon, is a predominantly rural community with a sizable veteran population. More than 10,000 veterans live in the region, and the proposed facility would provide affordable and high-quality long-term care for more than 68,000 veterans across the VA Southern Oregon Healthcare System.

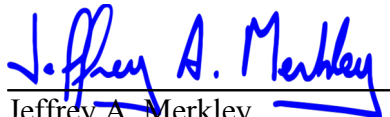
As you know, the long-awaited Roseburg State Veterans' Home remains in the preliminary stages of preconstruction. We welcome that the project has secured the required 35% funding commitment from the State of Oregon to qualify for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Level 1 Priority List. We strongly encourage the VA to include this project in the Priority 1 group and to commit the remaining 65% in

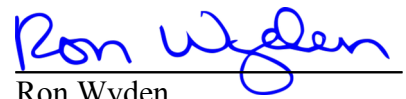
federal funds in FY 25. We also encourage the VA to prioritize the transfer of the approximately 13 acres identified for this project on the Roseburg VA Medical Center campus to ODVA.


Veterans have served our country with tremendous courage and sacrifice. We owe them the highest standard of care and services our nation has to offer.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

  
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United States Senator

  
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Ron Wyden  
United States Senator

  
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Val Hoyle  
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