

February 10, 2021

Department of Veterans Affairs
Office of the Secretary
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20420

Dear Honorable Secretary McDonough:

The Veterans Rural Health Advisory Committee (VRHAC) respectfully submits for your consideration the following 3 recommendations resulting from our October 3, 2020, committee meeting.

RECOMMENDATION 1: Rural Transportation. Expand the VA's **highly rural transportation grant** program to include places designated as rural. This expansion should include an additional \$5M in funding for the program.

RECOMMENDATION 2: Rural Women Veteran Peer Support. Develop at least one peer or social support group in each VISN to engage and support rural women Veterans.

RECOMMENDATION 3: Enrollment of Rural Women Veterans. Establish a comprehensive program, in coordination with the Advisory Committee on Women Veterans and community partners, to enhance and support initiatives to increase enrollment of rural women Veterans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deanna Lamb". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Deanna" and the last name "Lamb" clearly distinguishable.

Deanna Lamb, Chair

cc: Dr. Thomas Klobucar,
Designated Federal Officer