



WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE

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Senator Chris Kapenga
Room 118 South
State Capitol
Madison, WI 53707

Dear Senator Kapenga,

Senate Bill 385, relating to the veterans housing and recovery program, was introduced on August 11, 2025, by 40 legislative co-authors in the Senate and Assembly. The bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Licensing, Regulatory Reform and State and Federal Affairs.

The Veterans Housing and Recovery Program (VHRP) provides temporary housing, training and support services to military veterans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless in order to help them obtain permanent housing. The goal of the VHRP is to help veterans achieve stability, increase their skill levels and income and obtain greater self-determination to reintegrate back to the community.

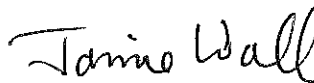
Unfortunately, during the state budget process, the Joint Finance Committee refused to provide the necessary funding to keep the program operational at all three locations. Because of this, two of the three facilities that operate the program will close their doors by the end of September. Senate Bill 385 is a bipartisan funding proposal that would provide the necessary resources for the VHRP, allowing the Chippewa Falls and Green Bay facilities to stay open and operational.

An expedited public hearing and vote in committee will provide the much-needed funding to keep these two facilities open. Please consider this letter our formal request for a public hearing on the bill.

Sincerely,



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