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The Honorable Denis McDonough  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Secretary McDonough,

I respectfully request that that U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) place the Roseburg Veterans' Home on the Priority 1 List and that the VA obtain funding for this essential project from the VA State Home Construction Program for the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA) in Fiscal Year 2025.

Since 2011, Roseburg, OR has been formally identified as the site for this Veterans' Home project. This project has unwavering support from the state of Oregon at all levels, including the Governor and the State Legislature, the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA), the VA Roseburg Veterans Health Administration (VHA), the community of Roseburg, and the Congressional Members representing constituents in this area. The Roseburg Veterans Home will be located with immediate access to VA services provided by the VA Roseburg VHA, and the Home will support the VA Roseburg medical facility and Roseburg community.

This past year, the Oregon State Legislature allocated \$35 million in matching funds for this project. ODVA has contracted a lead representative to manage the project. Architects have been selected, and the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs has notified the VA that all necessary state funds are now available for the project. All requirements for the Roseburg Veterans Home necessary for approval as a Priority 1 project have been completed. The federal funding referenced in the first paragraph of this letter is the last step needed for the project to commence.

I urge you to raise the status of the Roseburg Veterans' Home to Priority 1 for FY25.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Cliff Bentz", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Cliff Bentz  
Congressman