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The Honorable Dean Heller  
United States Senate  
324 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Senator Heller:

On behalf of the Filipino-American Veterans & Families of America-NV Chapter, I am pleased to endorse the Filipino Veterans Promise Act.

Nevada is currently the home to several of America's World War II Filipino denied veterans who have been fighting to be recognized for service. These individuals fought with honor alongside U.S. troops during World War II, however, their efforts are not fully recognized because their name is not documented on the Missouri List, which is the sole document utilized by the Department of Veterans Affairs to verify veteran eligibility.

Previous attempts to rectify this situation in Congress have been met with a stalemate with no resolution in sight for these veterans. That is why I am pleased with Senator Heller's leadership to introduce legislation that provides Filipino's with a forum that challenges their exclusion from the Missouri List and allows these individuals the right to prove their service.

Senator Heller's commitment to keeping a promise to those who served is commendable and it is my honor to endorse the Filipino Veterans Promise Act.

Thank you for your continued service to the Filipino Veterans and the Filipino community.

Sincerely,

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