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The Honorable Dean Heller  
United States Senate  
324 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510-2805

Dear Senator Heller:


On behalf of the DAV, a congressionally chartered national veterans service organization with 1.2 million members, all of whom were wounded or injured as a result of active duty in the United States Armed Forces, I write in support of the Women Veterans Access to Quality Care Act, introduced by you and Senator Murray.

On the strength of DAV Resolution No. 040, passed by the delegates to our most recent National Convention, DAV supports the purposes of your bill, which would improve health care services for women veterans who access services through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Consistent with our recently released report, *Women Veterans: The Long Journey Home*, your bill would improve VA facilities to better accommodate the needs of women; would hold VA medical facility directors accountable to new performance measures focused on women's needs; and, would ensure availability of obstetricians and gynecologists in VA medical centers, among other provisions.

Thank you for introducing this legislation and for your continued support of America's women veterans. I look forward to working with you and your staff to continue the DAV mission of empowering all veterans to lead high-quality lives. Your attention to the unique needs of our women veterans is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

  
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