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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3007
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The Honorable John Figueroa
Acting Under Secretary for Health,
Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20420

Dear Secretary John Figueroa:

I am writing to respectfully propose the establishment of a new VA Vet Center in Hunterdon County, New Jersey, to ensure local veterans have greater access to essential health and counseling services. More than 5,000 veterans reside in Hunterdon County, and many would benefit significantly from having these critical resources available closer to home.

This effort aligns with my broader initiatives to expand VA resources throughout New Jersey. One of my first actions in Congress was introducing bipartisan legislation to broaden access to Vet Center mental health counseling for veterans and their families. In 2024, this work resulted in the creation of two new Veteran Center Community Access Points in Morris and Warren counties. Despite this progress, I continue to hear from constituents about the lack of comparable services within Hunterdon County.

The Hunterdon County Board of County Commissioners and the Hunterdon County Office on Veterans' Services have shown strong support for establishing a Vet Center in Hunterdon County. The commissioners have identified a potential site for a VA location and have generously offered it to the VA free of charge. Additionally, the expansion of VA resources in Hunterdon County is backed by numerous veteran organizations at the local, county, and statewide levels.

My office stands ready to assist in evaluating and advancing this effort to expand critical assistance to local veterans. I remain committed to working closely with the Department of Veterans Affairs to ensure veterans in New Jersey receive timely, appropriate, and comprehensive support.

Thank you for your continued dedication to our veterans. I look forward to discussing this proposal further and working together to strengthen the services available to those who have served our nation.

Sincerely,

Tom Kean, Jr.
Member of Congress