

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3102

June 8, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro,

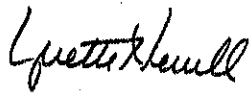
I write to you in full support for robust funding for Healing America's Heroes (HAH), which is a registered 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organization in my district dedicated to assisting veterans, active-duty service members, law enforcement personnel, fire fighters, and first responders who suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), military sexual trauma (MST), and traumatic brain injuries (TBI) transition back to civilian life in a positive and successful way.

HAH utilizes unique and alternative methods of recreational therapy such as equine and piscatorial therapies with one-on-one interactions during a one-week course at no cost to the veterans. Currently, HAH is also now fully operational at the abandoned Lincoln Pines juvenile detention facility in Ft. Stanton, New Mexico. After renovating and beautifying the facility and receiving substantial community support from the Ruidoso, Capitan, and Lincoln areas, HAH has successfully moved to the vacant Ft. Stanton facility.

Since its inception, HAH has had more than 90 veterans in their program and also plans to accommodate annual increments of 140 veterans moving forward. HAH includes additional services, such as continuing education to better help veterans transition back to civilian life. Coupled with a formal Memorandum of Understanding with the Bureau of Land Management, HAH is also committed to improving the surrounding 25,000 acres with respect to trail development, regional education entities, tourism, and wildlife viewing and outdoor activities for disabled veterans.

It is vital that our nation's veterans and first responders are given as many opportunities as possible to receive the help and support they deserve. I stand in full support of robust funding for HAH so they can expand the essential services they provide to America's heroes. Please let me know how my office can continue to be of assistance in this process, and I look forward to hearing back from you soon.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress

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