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Re: Memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature to Support the 'Invest in Vets' Initiative

Honorable Legislators:

Veterans deserve our gratitude for their dedication and sacrifice to our country. Recently, efforts have been increased to provide resources to veterans, including mental and physical healthcare, homelessness, and vocational training. However, there is always more that we can do. In this notion, we are calling upon Governor Hochul and the New York State Legislature to support the recently announced "Invest in Vets" initiative proposed by Assemblymen Jake Ashby, Edward Ra, and Angelo Morinello.

The "Invest in Vets" initiative calls for a total of \$500 million to be provided for services for those who honorably served. This is split between \$250 million for operational investments and \$250 million for capital investments. The operational investments include programs such as the Dwyer Peer to Peer Program; the Immigrant Resettlement Fund; county, state, and New York City veterans' services departments and divisions; the Alex R. Jimenez Program; veteran education programs; suicide prevention; VFWs and American Legions; and PTSD treatment and research. Capital investments include funding for Veterans' housing and veterans' service organization facilities.

Assemblyman Ashby has stated that "this essential funding will fortify and grow our Veteran Service Organizations and State Veterans programs to ultimately ensure greater support and expand high-quality services for the nearly one million Veterans across our state." We wholeheartedly agree with this determination. Therefore, we ask that you join us in calling upon Governor Hochul and the New York State Legislature to enact the 'Invest in Vets' initiative.

Respectfully submitted,

		
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