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Representative Sarah Anderson
583 State Office Building
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St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: Support for Veterans Defense Project Funding

Dear Representative Anderson:

On behalf of the Minnesota Humanities Center, I offer our full support for the Veterans Defense Project. It has come to our attention that funding for this project is under consideration in the State Government Finance Committee and that the Minnesota Humanities Center is being considered as a fiscal agent for the Project.

The Humanities Center has a long history of supporting Veteran's initiatives throughout Minnesota. The Veterans Defense Project mission and goals are consistent with the mission, goals, and projects of the Humanities Center. Furthermore, the founders of the Veterans Defense Project have been actively involved with the Minnesota Humanities Center's Veteran's Voices programs. This gives us a mutual level of understanding and on the ground knowledge that will help us be an efficient and effective fiscal agent.

The Minnesota Humanities Center takes pride in being a good steward of state resources that flow through our organization. We would welcome the opportunity to support the Veterans Defense Project as they continue to expand their efforts throughout the state to meet a very important need.

Please let me know if there is any additional information needed. Thank you for supporting Veterans in Minnesota.

Sincerely,

David O'Fallon, PhD
President & CEO

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cc: John Hultquist, Committee Administrator

