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January 5, 2001

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Paul W. Semmel, Majority Chairman *PWS*  
Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness Committee

SUBJECT: Cosponsorship

In the near future I will be introducing a House Resolution which calls for the establishment of a site selection committee for the identification of a suitable site for a State Veterans Home in Central Pennsylvania.

As you are aware, the Commonwealth currently has five established state veterans homes and a sixth home which is under construction in Philadelphia, PA. Logistically, the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs goal is to create a state veterans home system where every Pennsylvania veteran is near or within a seventy-five mile proximity to a state veterans home. The establishment of a state veterans home in Central Pennsylvania would indeed bring this goal into fruition.

If you would like to cosponsor this resolution, please contact my office at 787-3017 or email my office at [phand@pahousegop.com](mailto:phand@pahousegop.com).

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March 6, 2001

Representative Paul Semmel, Chairman  
House Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee  
House P O Box 202020, Main Capitol Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17125

Dear Representative Semmel:

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I am writing today on behalf of the Board of Schuylkill County Commissioners who would like to convert the 1912 Rest Haven building into a retirement/assisted housing facility for veterans. As Chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, it is my hope that you can assist the commissioners with this venture.

The 1912 Building is ideally located off Route 61 and near Interstate 81 and Interstate 78. Adjacent to the 1912 building is Rest Haven Nursing Home, which could provide the group with various services. Penn State, Schuylkill Campus, is also located at the facility. The commissioners are willing to make the necessary repairs to the exterior of the building and the interior would remain a shell in order to meet the occupants' needs.

The veterans in our community have expressed their need for this type of facility in our area. I wholeheartedly support this project and I am pleased to be working with all three commissioners to create a veteran's facility in Schuylkill County. Any assistance you could provide on funding sources for this type of project would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your time. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I could provide you with any additional information.

Sincerely,  
  
DAVID G. ARGALL  
State Representative  
124th Legislative District

C: Commissioner Stanley H. Tobash  
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