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Senator Jerry Moran
Dirksen Senate Office Building
Room 521
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Moran,

On behalf of the nearly two million members of The American Legion, I want to thank you for your continued leadership in the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee and all you do for the veteran community. As you know, The American Legion has a strong presence in your state, with over twenty thousand members, and we value the level of vigilance you exercise towards veterans' needs.

We are very proud of our partnership with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in the creation and implementation of the Accessing Telehealth through Local Areas Stations (ATLAS) program. We agree with your assessment of the barriers to access to healthcare services faced by rural veterans. Many veterans who reside in rural locations are not able to receive equitable care compared to their veteran counterparts that live in more accessible areas.

The American Legion and our partners have done extensive research to see which locations would impact the greatest number of underserved veterans. As a result, we have recommended that Kansas be a recipient of an ATLAS Pod in the coming years and are diligently working to identify potential locations. We look forward to working with your office to ensure the ATLAS Pod is a convenient and logical fit within your community and best serves the veteran community of Kansas.

The American Legion appreciates your dedication and long-standing advocacy on behalf of the veteran community. We are proud to have collaborated with your office and the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee (SVAC) on several projects to address the needs of the veteran community in recent months and look forward to further partnership to continue to improve the lives of our nation's heroes.

Sincerely,

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