

United States Senate

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Michael Welch
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Office of National Veterans Sports Programs and Special Events
Department of Veterans Affairs
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Washington, D.C. 20420

Dear Mr. Welch:

I am writing to you in support of the Adaptive Sports Program for Disabled Veterans and Disabled Members of the Armed Forces grant application submitted by Adaptive Performance Center located in Billings, Montana.

Designed to provide a fitness environment for veterans, Adaptive Performance Center aims to help veterans recreate the bond they had with their comrades when they served. The Center allows veterans to participate in physical conditioning side by side with other veterans to provide relief for those with PTSD, depression, and anxiety as well as para/quadruplegics and amputees. According to Adaptive Performance Center, physical activity and strength training assists with chronic pain relief and improve symptoms associated with PTSD.

If successful, funding will be used to purchase equipment, hire trainers, and implement more extensive training programs. Their program is expected to serve approximately 1500 veterans and service members with the number increasing over time.

I trust you will give this application fair and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,



Steve Daines
United States Senator