

# United States Senate

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Jacqueline Girard  
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208 North Montana Avenue, Suite 206  
Helena, MT 59601

Dear Ms. Girard:

I am writing to you in support of Action for Eastern Montana's application for a Choose Home Program Demonstration Grant (CFDA # 94.017) to provide limited care to 45 senior and disabled veterans in Eastern Montana, allowing them to continue living independently in their own homes.

With limited resources in many rural Montana counties, our states' veterans are left facing many unique challenges, including lack of community services and traveling long distances to get the care they need. Often times, these issues lead to premature institutionalization and veterans have no choice but to leave their homes. In 6 Eastern Montana counties specifically, approximately 769 elderly veterans are affected by these challenges.

If successful, funding will be used to fund 15 Senior Companions who would provide limited care to 45 senior or disabled veterans in Eastern Montana. By providing limited care to these seniors, they would be able to remain independent and living in their own homes.

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

Sincerely,



Steve Daines  
United States Senator