

I hope this letter finds you well. We fully support RWJBarnabas Health for renewal of state appropriations for the FY 2027 budget. On behalf of the Veterans Foundation of America, we want to convey our thanks for your help in conducting outreach to the veterans community. The support from RWJBH through state-appropriated funds allows the Veterans Foundation of America to invest directly in community-based initiatives and partnerships that advance health and support across our shared communities

This partnership is critical as we were able to offer health care options to over 1,300 veterans during our collaborative veteran health fairs across New Jersey. RWJBarnabas Health has been there from the beginning offering testing and screenings for our veterans. Some of the work we accomplished together were cardiovascular checks, pulmonology checks, mental health screenings, fall prevention, medication reconciliation, cancer screenings, SNAP coordination, and coordination with Community Health Workers. This is very important work that we could not have done were it not for the willingness of RWJBarnabas Health to support this initiative. If the funding is not renewed for RWJBarnabas Health, this could jeopardize our ability to offer access to healthcare to the veteran and military-connected communities.

Continued state investment in RWJBarnabas Health's community partnerships is essential to sustaining programs that directly benefit the veterans community across New Jersey. We need to reduce the social determinants of health in the veterans community and we cannot do this without the collaboration and partnership of RWJBarnabas Health.

Sincerely,



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