

July 21, 2011

The Honorable Henry Perea
California State Assembly
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 1422 (Perea) – SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Perea:

On behalf of the members of <district/post number>, I write to express my strong support of AB 1422 (Perea). This measure would allow the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CDVA) to find savings in the operations of the Veterans Home of California system and for those savings to be used to expedite the opening of the Redding and Fresno Veterans Homes.

If passed by the Legislature, AB 1422 would allow the CDVA to begin working on identifying savings in the operations of the Veterans Homes which would help mitigate the delays in opening of the Redding and Fresno Veterans Homes. Once operational, there will be an estimated space for 150 veterans in each of the Fresno and Redding Veteran homes. Currently, the closest Veterans home for residents of Fresno and Redding is 200 miles away from each city in Yountville, California.

The current lack of funding for the Veterans Home System will result in a delay for the staffing and opening of the Fresno and Redding Veterans homes, meaning that it could be 2013 before veterans are able to move into these much needed facilities. These Veterans homes are very important because they offer a range of services and levels of care, from outpatient care to full time assisted living, based on the needs of the individual veteran.

Again, <district/post number> supports AB 1422 and appreciates your leadership on this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

[name]
[district/post information]