



February 24, 2023

The Honorable Jon Tester  
Chairman  
Committee on Veterans' Affairs  
412 Russell Senate Office Building  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jerry Moran  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Veterans' Affairs  
412 Russell Senate Office Building  
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Dear Chairman Tester and Ranking Member Moran:

AARP, on behalf of our 38 million members and all older Americans nationwide, is pleased to endorse the Expanding Veterans' Options for Long Term Care Act. We applaud your bipartisan efforts to give veterans more options for how and where they can get the long-term care they need.

After their service, hard work, and contributions to our society, America's veterans deserve to live with independence, security, and dignity. AARP is fighting for individuals to have high-quality, affordable options when it comes to long-term care. Your bill would establish a three-year pilot program to assess the effectiveness of providing assisted living services to eligible veterans. The feedback and experience of participating veterans would also be examined. The legislation also includes important provisions regarding the pilot's structure, including the availability of services in rural or highly rural areas, provider participation in Medicaid, inspections and standards for facilities, and continuity of care for veterans when the pilot program ends. Reports by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Office of Inspector General of the VA would include program data and assess the quality of care provided and oversight of participating facilities. In addition to providing additional care options, the bill could help provide veterans with more cost-effective care.

AARP appreciates your work to support veterans and explore alternatives to nursing home care. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or have your staff contact Emily Hetherington on our Government Affairs team at [ehetherington@aarp.org](mailto:ehetherington@aarp.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Bill Sweeney". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Bill Sweeney  
Senior Vice President  
Government Affairs