



May 31, 2023

The Honorable Elissa Slotkin
U.S. House of Representatives
2245 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Bryan Steil
U.S. House of Representatives
1526 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable David Trone
U.S. House of Representatives
2404 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Ann Kuster
U.S. House of Representatives
2201 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Slotkin, Representative Steil, Representative Trone, and Representative Kuster:

AARP, which advocates for the more than 100 million Americans age 50 and over across the country, is pleased to endorse the Expanding Veterans' Options for Long Term Care Act. We applaud the bipartisan work on this legislation that would give veterans more options for how and where they receive long-term care.

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 veterans to have high-quality, affordable, and accessible 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 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 the VA and the Office of Inspector General of the VA would include program data to assess the quality of care provided, oversight of participating facilities, and feedback from participating veterans.

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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Bill Sweeney". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

Bill Sweeney
Senior Vice President
Government Affairs