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To: exntestimony
Subject: Support For Confirmation of Commissioner Thomas Saadi as Commissioner of the DVA

Dear Senators Duff & Vargas:

The American Legion is the largest Veterans Service Organization in the nation and the American Legion, Department of Connecticut, is the largest Veterans Service Organization in the state with over 18,000 members. We wholeheartedly support the confirmation of Thomas Saadi to serve once again as the Commissioner of The Department of Veterans Affairs.

Commissioner Saadi not only successfully juggles an under funded budget, but he manages to do so while still enhancing the lives of our Connecticut veterans and their families. He has overseen improvements to the domiciliary in Rocky Hill, he is overseeing the new licence for the DVA Hospital on the Rocky Hill campus, and he is developing a long term plan to expand the Connecticut veterans cemetery.

Commissioner Saadi holds regular meetings with the state's veteran leadership to keep us informed on what the DVA is doing and also addresses our veteran concerns to the best of his ability.

There is no question that Commissioner Saadi is the most qualified individual to lead the Department of Veteran Affairs.

Sincerely

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