



NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE

January 30, 2023

Governor Kathleen C. Hochul
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Hochul:

We write to you regarding the Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support initiative. As you know, this program offers peer-to-peer counseling for veterans suffering from PTSD or traumatic brain injury and any veteran looking to reintegrate into civilian society. It is an incredibly valuable resource for veterans.

We request an increase in funding for the Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support initiative from \$7.7 million to \$15.4 million in your Executive Budget proposal. We also request that this funding become permanent. This would allow for the expansion of this invaluable program throughout New York State.

Our veterans sacrifice so much and work for all New Yorkers to preserve the life, liberty, and freedom we all hold so dear. For these reasons, we strongly urge you to include this added funding and to make it permanent to support our veterans.

Sincerely,

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Robert G. Ort
Senate Minority Leader

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Senator Jacob C. Ashby
Ranker, Veterans, Homeland Security & Military Affairs