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*"For God and Country"*

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**TO: The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

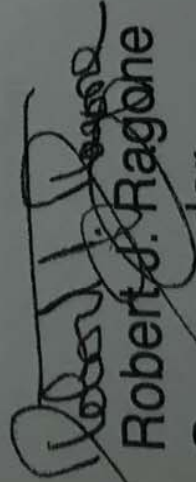
Let it be known that the American Legion Post 454 in Westfield, MA strongly supports the Coalition to support the Holyoke Soldier's Home. Further we support the Veteran residents of the Soldier's Home and their families. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is urged to provide improved funding, staffing, and construction of a new and upgraded home. This new Soldier's Home must have private rooms with bathrooms for their residents in order to effectively prevent the spread of viruses and other contagious diseases!

Also, to further aid the mission of the Soldier's Home, it is requested that an Adult Day Care Program be instituted

Finally, the Commonwealth must provide better governance and oversight of the Soldier's Home. The Massachusetts Veteran community and resident family members must have input to the operation, staffing, and care of their loved ones.

The tragedy that occurred at the Soldier's Home should have never happened and its strongly recommended that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts enact the appropriate actions to ensure that a major oversight like this new happens again!

Should you have any questions regarding these recommendations and resolutions, they can be directed to me at [btrag@verizon.net](mailto:btrag@verizon.net).

  
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