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Barry A. Jesinoski
National Adjutant and Chief Executive Office

Dear Commander Donovan and Mr. Jesinoski,

I write to urge Disabled American Veterans (DAV) to seriously reconsider the revocation of Sacramento Chapter 6's charter and work toward a resolution that allows the chapter to continue serving veterans in our community.

In Sacramento, we honor our veterans by ensuring they receive the support they have earned. Revoking Chapter 6's charter does more than dissolve an organization—it dismantles a vital support system providing transportation, access to services, legal assistance, advocacy, and a community that disabled veterans have depended on for generations. Chapter 6 has provided community, support, and critical services to thousands of disabled veterans in Sacramento and the surrounding region. The decision to revoke the charter of an organization so deeply rooted in our community is extremely troubling and threatens the more than 2,000 veterans who rely on it.

As the representative of California's Seventh Congressional District, I am committed to ensuring our veterans and the organizations that serve them are treated fairly and lawfully. The circumstances surrounding DAV's decision to revoke Chapter 6's charter raise serious concerns, and the consequences for Sacramento's disabled veterans are unacceptable. No matter the ongoing disputes you may have with the local chapter leaving veterans without that support runs counter to DAV's mission.

I therefore urge DAV to use the period provided under its bylaws to reconsider and reissue Chapter 6's charter. While that review is underway, DAV should preserve the chapter's property, funds, records, and historic materials and refrain from taking any irreversible action concerning the Fruitridge Road headquarters. I also encourage DAV to engage in good-faith discussions, including mediation if appropriate, with former chapter leaders and the DAV Department of California to reach a resolution centered on the needs of Sacramento veterans.

Please provide a written response by September 9, 2026, describing whether DAV will reconsider the charter revocation, preserve the chapter's assets during that review, and work with local veterans toward restoring a DAV chapter in Sacramento.

Sincerely,



DORIS MATSUI
Member of Congress