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To permanently extend the pilot program of the Department of Veterans Affairs on acceptance by the Department of donated facilities and related improvements and to authorize acceptance of donations of construction services, minor construction or nonrecurring maintenance projects, and targeted contributions, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 17, 2026

Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Mr. RICKETTS) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Communities Helping
5 Invest through Property and Improvements Needed for

1 Veterans Act of 2026” or the “CHIP IN for Veterans Act
2 of 2026”.

3 **SEC. 2. PERMANENT EXTENSION OF PILOT PROGRAM ON**
4 **ACCEPTANCE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF VET-**
5 **ERANS AFFAIRS OF DONATED FACILITIES**
6 **AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2 of the Communities
8 Helping Invest through Property and Improvements Need-
9 ed for Veterans Act of 2016 (Public Law 114–294; 38
10 U.S.C. 8103 note) is amended—

11 (1) in the section heading, by striking
12 “**PILOT**”;

13 (2) in subsection (a), in the subsection heading,
14 by striking “PILOT”;

15 (3) by striking “pilot” each place it appears;

16 (4) by striking subsection (i); and

17 (5) by redesignating subsection (j) as sub-
18 section (i).

19 (b) MODIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF PROP-
20 erty.—Paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of such section
21 is amended to read as follows:

22 “(1) the donation aligns with—

23 “(A) a need identified in a Strategic Cap-
24 ital Investment Planning process priority list, a
25 five-year development plan, a facility master

1 plan, or an annual capital needs inventory of
 2 the Department; or

3 “(B) any component or phase of a need de-
 4 scribed in paragraph (1); and”.

5 **SEC. 3. AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT DONATIONS OF CONSTRUC-**
 6 **TION SERVICES, MINOR CONSTRUCTION OR**
 7 **NONRECURRING MAINTENANCE PROJECTS,**
 8 **AND TARGETED CONTRIBUTIONS.**

9 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—Notwithstanding any other provi-
 10 sion of law, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs may accept
 11 donations comprising the total cost or a portion of the cost
 12 of—

13 (1) minor construction projects;

14 (2) nonrecurring maintenance projects; or

15 (3) construction services relating—

16 (A) to minor construction projects;

17 (B) to nonrecurring maintenance projects;

18 (C) to an existing facility of the Depart-
 19 ment; or

20 (D) to a new facility or portion thereof of
 21 the Department.

22 (b) **ALIGNMENT TO NEEDS.**—The Secretary may ac-
 23 cept a donation under this section only if—

24 (1) the donation aligns with—

1 (A) a need identified in a Strategic Capital
 2 Investment Planning process priority list, a
 3 five-year development plan, a facility master
 4 plan, or an annual capital needs inventory of
 5 the Department; or

6 (B) any component or phase of a need de-
 7 scribed in subparagraph (A);

8 (2) the donation is from an entity described in
 9 section 2(a)(2) of the Communities Helping Invest
 10 through Property and Improvements Needed for
 11 Veterans Act of 2016 (Public Law 114–294; 38
 12 U.S.C. 8103 note);

13 (3) the Secretary determines such donation
 14 would—

15 (A) accelerate project completion;

16 (B) reduce the expense to the Department;

17 (C) improve facility condition; or

18 (D) otherwise benefit veterans; and

19 (4) the donor enters into a formal agreement
 20 with the Secretary that includes—

21 (A) provisions for the Department’s over-
 22 sight during performance;

23 (B) compliance with applicable construc-
 24 tion codes and standards, and applicable laws
 25 and regulations;

1 (C) donor-provided insurance, warranties,
2 and liability protections;

3 (D) the amount of the donation and the
4 amount of the Department's funding contribu-
5 tion, if any;

6 (E) that the donation shall not increase
7 the cost to the Federal Government of com-
8 pleting such project described in subsection (a)
9 (excluding activation and sustainment of such
10 facility); and

11 (F) such other terms as the Secretary de-
12 termines necessary.

13 (c) STREAMLINED REQUIREMENTS.—For donations
14 under this section that do not involve transfer of real prop-
15 erty title—

16 (1) the donor shall enter into an agreement
17 with the Department that determines who is respon-
18 sible to ensure environmental or historic preserva-
19 tion due diligence is completed;

20 (2) the donor shall obtain all federally required
21 construction and facility related permits; and

22 (3) agreements may be simplified relative to
23 those under section 2 of the Communities Helping
24 Invest through Property and Improvements Needed
25 for Veterans Act of 2016 (Public Law 114–294; 38

1 U.S.C. 8103 note) to reflect the nature of services
2 or targeted contributions.

3 (d) REPORTING.—The Secretary shall include infor-
4 mation on donations accepted under this section in the re-
5 ports required under section 2(g) of the Communities
6 Helping Invest through Property and Improvements Need-
7 ed for Veterans Act of 2016 (Public Law 114–294; 38
8 U.S.C. 8103 note), with separate tracking for donations
9 under this section.

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