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September 25, 2025

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

Signature Request: AB 81 (Ta) – Veterans: mental health

Dear Governor Newsom,

I respectfully request your signature on Assemblyman Bill 81, which would require the department of Veterans Affairs to establish a program to fund an academic study of mental health among women veterans in California.

There are approximately 163,000 female veterans in California, which makes our state home to the second largest population of women veterans in the United States. As these brave individuals transition from military to civilian life, they often face unique challenges that differ significantly from those of their male counterparts.

This study would provide an essential analysis of key issues for female veterans, including demographics, stressors, risk factors, treatment modalities, barriers to access, and suicide rates. Collecting this data is critical to developing effective policies, programs, and support systems that truly meet the needs of women veterans.

For these reasons, I respectfully request your signature on AB 81. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (916) 651-4037. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steven S. Choi".

Senator Steven Choi, Ph.D.
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