



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

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MAYOR

June 25, 2021

The Honorable Mike Levin
U.S House of Representatives
1030 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C 20515

Dear Congressman Levin:

On behalf of the City of San Diego, we thank you for your continued leadership in advocating for the more than 240,000 veterans who call San Diego home. Our City is proud to support your legislation, H.R 3665 to designate the medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs in San Diego California as the Jennifer Moreno Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, and to support the designation of a component of such medical center in honor of Kathleen Bruyere.

Women servicemembers and veterans have long been under-recognized for their military service and underserved by VA services despite having fought in every conflict in our country's history. In the post-9/11 era, women are the fastest growing contingent of veterans, but there are no VA health facilities within the state of California named after them.

By naming the San Diego VA Medical Center after these two hometown heroes, in U.S. Army CPT Jennifer M. Moreno and U.S Navy Capt. Kathleen Bruyere, we are recognizing the major contributions and sacrifices of all women service members and veterans. These two women represent the values of our great City and I strongly support honoring their service and sacrifice by passing this legislation.

Thank you for your leadership and advocacy on behalf of our City. The City of San Diego recognizes all the work that went into this effort and fully supports this legislation and we hope this bill can be passed and signed into law expeditiously. If you have any questions regarding this letter please contact Walt Bishop, Strategic Advisor for Federal Affairs at 619-533-6140 or WBishop@sandiego.gov.

Sincerely,

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Mayor
City of San Diego