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The Honorable Elizabeth Warren
317 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Warren,

We would like to express our strong support for the legislation you are introducing to establish an intensive outpatient pilot program for the treatment of members of the Armed Forces who are suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder related to military sexual trauma.

This month, the Department of Defense released its Annual Report on Sexual Assault in the Military, which shows that Service Member reporting of sexual assault increased by 10 percent in FY17 across all military services.¹ The development of post-traumatic stress disorder, as a result of military sexual trauma, has life-threatening consequences to our Veterans and Service Members. I have led troops in combat in both Iraq and Afghanistan, but sadly I have lost more Soldiers to the invisible wounds of war here at home, than I did overseas.

Home Base, a Red Sox Foundation and Massachusetts General Hospital Program, is the largest private-sector clinic in the country treating the invisible wounds of war, including post-traumatic stress, depression, anxiety and co-occurring substance use disorders resulting from military sexual trauma. Every day we see the effects of these invisible wounds and work tirelessly to provide care and support to those affected. We believe the establishment of an intensive outpatient pilot program addressing such wounds associated with military sexual trauma would have life-saving consequences on the lives of Veterans and Service members in the Commonwealth and across the country.

We appreciate your leadership and willingness to champion this effort.

Sincerely,

Brigadier General (ret.) Jack Hammond
Executive Director
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¹ <https://www.defense.gov/News/Article/Article/1508127/dod-releases-annual-report-on-sexual-assault-in-military/>