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## All Branch Mail Out #36

**Date:** June 2, 2022

**TO:** NS/NU Branches  
NS/NU Executive Council  
NS/NU Zone Commanders  
NS/NU Past Presidents  
NS/NU Command Staff

**From:** Comrade Donna McRury  
President  
NS/NU Command, RCL

**Subject:** Veterans Contract Beds

**Message:**

Comrades: I ask that in the best interest of the Veterans of Nova Scotia that you complete and send the attached/enclosed letter to your local MLA as soon as possible.

A listing of all NS MLA's is included for your reference.

(Type the date here)

(Type Name of your MLA here)  
Member Legislative Assembly  
(Type address of your MLA here)

Dear MLA (Type Last name of your MLA here)

I write on behalf of all members of The Royal Canadian Legion Branch (Type the name and number of your Branch here) to express grave concern for the decision of the Government of Nova Scotia to convert Veterans Affairs designated spaces to help create more bed capacity and support patient flow in the area of long term care within this province.

The Ministry of Seniors and Long Term Care has informed The Royal Canadian Legion that these Veterans Affairs Canada contracted spaces are considered by the province to be "chronically vacant."

This statement and intended undertaking leads us to believe that the government of Nova Scotia is unaware of the long standing inequity around the limiting criteria of eligibility for VAC contract beds in this country.

The Royal Canadian Legion has long advocated that eligibility be expanded to allow all Canadian Armed Forces Veterans, regardless of when or where they served, access to designated Veterans Affairs Canada contract beds.

As the MLA of (Type your riding here) I call upon you to press for change and to represent the interests of *all* Veterans within this riding so no Veteran is denied access that is so rightfully theirs.

Sincerely

(Type the Branch Presidents' name here)  
President RCL Branch (Type the Branch number here)  
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