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Rep. Robyn Vining on Governor Evers' Investment to Support Veteran Employment, Housing Assistance, and Mental Health Services

MADISON – On Wednesday, October 5th, Gov. Tony Evers announced a \$10 million investment in a variety of programs benefiting Wisconsin veterans. The investment comes on the heels of recommendations made by the governor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Veteran Opportunity in their final report [released last month](#) and building on Gov. Evers' previous budget proposals. Earlier this year, in his [2022 State of the State address](#), Gov. Evers announced he would [create a Blue Ribbon Commission on Veteran Opportunity](#) to develop comprehensive, long-term recommendations to help address challenges facing Wisconsin's more than 300,000 veterans. Shortly thereafter, Gov. Evers [signed Executive Order #157](#) to create the Blue Ribbon Commission on Veteran Opportunity. Representative Robyn Vining (D-Wauwatosa) released the following statement:

"I am proud to join Governor Evers and the Blue Ribbon Commission on Veteran Opportunity to share news of this important investment. The investment expands the Veterans Outreach and Recovery Program (VORP), providing key mental health services and support for our esteemed veterans.

"Mental healthcare is healthcare. All Wisconsinites should feel comfortable accessing the mental health services they may need. Veterans throughout Wisconsin, in particular, can benefit from expanded veteran-to-veteran support and community-based programming. Once again, Governor Evers has answered the call, providing for an oftentimes overlooked community of veterans, with funding that supports mental healthcare, an oftentimes overlooked issue itself.

"This investment mirrors my bill, [AB 753](#), which funds \$1.5 million towards the expansion of the VORP, including adding at least seven new positions within the program that will offer more care and outreach for veterans across the state.

"Time and time again, Governor Evers has done the right thing and prioritized mental health for all Wisconsinites. This investment builds upon his previous investments in children's mental health in August - and I applaud the Governor for his continued commitment to improving access to mental healthcare and other vital services for all. Thank you Governor Evers for your steadfast leadership on this issue, I am proud to be in this work with you. Forward together."

Rep. Vining represents the 14th Assembly District, which includes parts of Brookfield, Wauwatosa, and Milwaukee. For more information, visit Rep. Vining's website [here](#).

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