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**Rep. Shankland: Calls for Investigation, New Accountability Measures  
for King Veterans Home**

MADISON –Rep. Katrina Shankland (D-Stevens Point) released the following statement today in response to *The Capital Times*' investigation into the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King:

"I was disturbed and saddened to learn of the ongoing mismanagement and widespread neglect at the Veterans Home at King. Time and time again, the WDVA has prioritized cost-cutting and pet programs over King residents, including raiding \$20 million in funding from King since 2007. These veterans made immeasurable sacrifices for their country and now their own government has failed them.

"I join my Democratic colleagues in calling for an audit of the WDVA's funding practices and an independent federal investigation into the Veterans Home at King. Additionally, since it is clear that Governor Walker's administration is unwilling to address these serious allegations, it's time for the legislature to demand accountability.

"At a minimum, the state should address staffing shortages and strengthen water quality reporting in veterans homes, require a percentage of revenue from veterans homes to be reinvested in veterans' care, and create an anonymous hotline for employees and residents to report abuse and neglect. I look forward to introducing this legislation next session."

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