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**Congresswoman Kathy Dahlkemper's (D-Penn.) to Support Circle of Friends' Veterans' Bill of Rights
on the Floor of the U.S. House of Representatives**

Statement by Brian A. Hampton, President of the Circle of Friends for American Veterans

Today, on the floor of the United States House of Representatives, Congresswoman Kathy Dahlkemper (D-Penn.) will enthusiastically ask her colleagues to support The Circle of Friends' Veterans' Bill of Rights. The Circle of Friends' Veterans' Bill of Rights makes veterans a priority and focuses on three simple things – increasing the daily per diem rate for veterans from \$30 per day to \$60 per day at transitional housing facilities; supporting PTSD counseling in all VA medical centers; and demands that Congress makes veterans a top funding priority. It is because of champions like Congresswoman Dahlkemper that our homeless heroes will hopefully be given the respect they deserve.

The Circle of Friends for American Veterans is a 501-c(3) designated non-profit organization dedicated to raising awareness about veterans issues, particularly homeless veterans, by influencing public opinion to shape public policy. Since 1993, The Circle of Friends for American Veterans, and its allied publication, the VETERANS' VISION, have provided and continues to provide advocacy for those who deserve it the most and have it the least by conducting nationwide rallies, holding receptions with policymakers and providing direct financial support to transitional facilities that assist homeless veterans.

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