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Governor J.B. Pritzker State of Illinois 207 State House Springfield, Illinois 62706-0001

Dear Governor Pritzker,

I am writing to respectfully submit the annual report of the Veterans Assistance Commission of Champaign County, Illinois, in compliance with Chapter 330, Part 45, Section 8 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes.

As a prominent veteran advocacy organization serving Illinois' 13th most populous county, the Commission provides comprehensive services in the following areas:

- 1. Advocacy
- 2. Veteran Benefits and Claims Management
- 3. Emergency and Temporary Assistance for Indigent Veterans

During Fiscal Year 2025, spanning from December 1, 2024, to November 30, 2025, the Commission has played a crucial role in securing new benefits for veterans, their dependents, and survivors residing in Champaign County through the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

In our continued efforts to assist indigent veterans facing financial hardship, the Commission facilitated over \$80,000 in rent and utility assistance. This essential financial support has been instrumental in preventing the displacement of more than 90 veterans within our county who were struggling to meet their housing obligations.

We greatly appreciate your ongoing support of our county's veterans. Should you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Respectfully,

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