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General Gordon R. Sullivan United States Army (Ret.) President

> The Honorable Dean Heller United States Senate 324 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Heller:

On behalf of the more than 64,000 members of the Association of the United States Army (AUSA), thank you for your continued support of our military men and women. I write to support your introduction of the "Filipino Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2015." The bill honors Filipino veterans of World War II who were an integral part of the U.S. Armed Forces Far East. These heroic men and women fought, suffered, and in many instances died in the same manner and under the same commanders as other members of the United States Armed Forces during World War II.

The bill would allow the Senate to honor these heroes who sacrificed so much for the United States and continually exhibited the finest qualities of the human spirit. AUSA will work with you to move this legislation forward.

Sincerely GORDON R. SULLIVAN

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