

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-1902**

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Betsy Ann Ross House of Hope  
86 Winthrop Street  
Augusta, Maine 04330

Dear Friends,

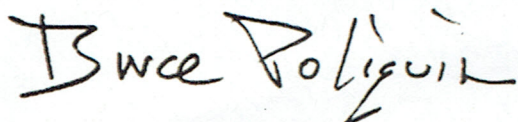
Please accept my congratulations and best wishes as you gather to celebrate the opening of the Betsy Ann Ross House of Hope. It is an honor to be able to extend my great thanks and appreciation to our female Veterans who have served and sacrificed for our Great Nation.

I believe the best way to honor our Veterans is to make sure we do everything possible to protect the freedoms and liberties they fought so hard to defend, and to always keep our promise to take care of our Veterans and their families. For many of our Veterans, the physical and emotional wounds experienced contribute to further hardships such as homelessness and unemployment. However, this facility and the continuum of care it will provide will help the female Veterans and their children who visit here build lasting bonds with one another, gain independence and self-sufficiency, and will ensure they never feel alone.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you to all the donors, volunteers, Martha, Charles, and the Board of Directors, and all who worked behind the scenes to make the Betsy Ann Ross House of Hope possible. Your service and tireless commitment to improving the lives of our Maine Veterans is an inspiration and will continue to have a profound and positive impact on countless female Veterans and their children.

To our Veterans here today, thank you for your selfless service. America is the greatest nation in the world because of patriots like you, and I hope you truly feel the support and deep gratitude your community has for you. Again, congratulations on the opening, and please let me know if my offices in Maine or Washington, D.C. can ever be of service to you.

Sincerely,



Bruce Poliquin