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2016 NCHV Awards - Public Policy Award presented to Senator Mazie Hirono

Public Policy Award – Senator Mazie Hirono

The Public Policy Award goes to an elected official who has taken on a leadership role in creating or changing policies to support efforts to end veteran homelessness. This year we present the Public Policy Award to Senator Mazie Hirono of Hawaii her co-sponsorship and steadfast commitment to the “Veteran Services Protection Act”, her authorship of a letter to Senate appropriators on behalf of the Grant and Per Diem and Supportive Services for Veteran Families programs, and her work on the National Defense Authorization Act, which all showcase her commitment to caring for this country’s most vulnerable veterans. Thanks to her actions and leadership, a proposed cut of \$49 million to the GPD program in 2016 was reversed, and thousands of veterans were able to access resources that help them to exit homelessness. Through these examples and more, Senator Hirono has proven herself to be among the foremost defenders of veterans in crisis in this country.