



March 21, 2017

The Honorable Doug Collins
United States House of Representatives
1504 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

On behalf of the Association of the United States Navy, we would like to pledge our support for H.R. 907, the Newborn Care Improvement Act. This bill allows the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide the newborn child of a woman veteran who is receiving VA maternity care with post-delivery care services for 42 days after the child's birth if the veteran delivered the child in a VA facility or another facility with which VA has a contract for such services.

Currently, female veterans can receive up to forty-two days of post-delivery care from the VA, while their infants are limited to seven days of medical care. Veterans may face medical challenges linked to their service, including high-risk pregnancies. For example, females who give birth within a year of being affected by PTSD are 35% more likely to deliver prematurely and that means greater health risks for their children.

Thank you for taking an active role in such an important issue to the Military and Veteran community by working to improve the lives and careers of those who served our great nation. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at 703-548-5800 or at michael.little@ausn.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Joseph Little". To the right of the signature, there is a handwritten note: "ABH²(AW/Sea) USNR".

Michael J. Little
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