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The Honorable Mike Bost
United States House of Representatives
1440 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. 645, the Requiring Accountability and Inspections for Dining Service Act. This bill directs the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide for annual inspections to ensure that the VA medical facility kitchens and food service areas meet private hospital kitchen and food service area standards.

The VA will enter into an agreement with the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospital Organizations to conduct such inspections. If the VA is unable to enter into an agreement with the Commission, the VA shall seek such an agreement with a non-federal, not-for-profit entity with comparable expertise and objectivity.

If a VA facility kitchen or food service area fails such an inspection, the VA will implement a remediation plan within 48 hours and conduct a second inspection within seven days. A facility kitchen or food service area that fails the second inspection will be closed until remediation is completed, and all kitchen and food service areas at that facility meet the standards.

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 typed name "Michael J. Little" and the text "ABH² (NavSec) USNR" in blue ink.

Michael J. Little
Director of Legislative Affairs

