



March 21, 2017

The Honorable Barbara Lee (CA)
United States House of Representatives
2267 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Lee,

On behalf of the Association of the United States Navy (AUSN), we applaud and support your bill H.R. 328, which would amend the Internal Revenue Code to give tax credit for the hiring of Veterans in a renewable energy field.

When a Veteran comes back from combat, they do not expect to return to unemployment. With almost 500,000 Veterans currently unemployed, we cannot allow this to continue to occur. It is time that our country rewards these heroes for their sacrifice by smoothing the transition process and by providing hiring incentives to companies.

H.R. 328 is a commendable piece of legislation which awards renewable energy companies tax credit for hiring a "specified veteran". In order for a company to get the credit, the Veterans must have specific renewable energy-related training, including machinist or welding experience or LEED Certification. While this legislation does not cover all Veterans, this is a wonderful step to putting every Veteran back to work.

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 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 small stamp that says "APR 21 2017" and "USNR".

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