



March 21, 2017

The Honorable Grace Meng  
United States House of Representatives  
1317 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. 971, the Surviving Spouse Contracting Preference Act.

This bill will amend title 38 to treat small businesses, owned by surviving spouses of members of the Armed Forces killed in the line of duty, as small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans for purposes of contracting goals and preferences of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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 in blue ink: "ABH<sup>2</sup>(AW/Sea) USNR".

Michael J. Little  
Director of Legislative Affairs