



March 21, 2017

The Honorable Ruben Kihuen
United States House of Representatives
313 Cannon 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. 996, the Service, Training, Education, and Preparation for Veterans Act. This bill directs the Secretary of the Labor to establish a competitive grant program for community colleges to train veterans for local jobs.

This bill directs the Department of Labor to award grants to community colleges to:

- Analyze the demand for additional trained employees in their locality and the skills possessed by veterans who receive federal educational assistance and seek local employment
- Carry out an existing, or implement a new, certificate or degree program that provides those veterans with training that addresses local demand for trained employees
- Facilitate the establishment of an advisory board to provide guidance to the training program and assist trained veterans in their pursuit of local employment.

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/Sec) USNR".

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