



March 21, 2017

The Honorable Gus Bilirakis  
United States House of Representatives  
2112 Rayburn 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. 936, SPACE-A. This bill would amend title 10, United States Code, to establish a space-available transportation priority for veterans of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected permanent disability rated as total.

Right now, 100% disabled Veterans are considered ineligible for the Space Available Travel benefit, which permits military retirees to travel on military aircraft when there is extra space onboard.

This bill provides that the Secretary of Defense will offer transportation on scheduled and unscheduled military flights within the continental United States and on scheduled overseas flights operated by the Air Mobility Command on a space-available basis for any veteran with a service-connected, permanent disability rated as total on the same basis as such transportation is provided to members of the armed forces entitled to retired or retainer pay

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](mailto: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 that says "ABH<sup>2</sup> (Adm/Sea) USNR".

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