



March 21, 2017

The Honorable Gus Bilirakis (FL)
House of Representatives
2112 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Bilirakis,

On behalf of the Association of the United States Navy (AUSN), we applaud and support your bill H.R. 303, which would allow military members who were retired or separated due to a service-related disability full concurrent receipt of Veterans disability pay and military retired pay.

Prior to this legislation, Veterans would only receive concurrent receipt for an injury rated at 50 percent or higher. But with PTSD and TBI not always falling above that threshold, we far too often see Veterans with these illnesses struggle to live a normal life. These Veterans have made an unexpected sacrifice and we owe it to them to ensure proper care for their families.

H.R. 303 is a commendable piece of legislation which awards concurrent receipt to any service member who was separated from military service due to a combat-related injury. By giving these Veterans full concurrent receipt, we are ensuring that their families are provided for and they can get the full treatment they deserve.

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, circular stamp containing the text "AUSN" and "USNR".

Michael J. Little
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