



March 22, 2017

The Honorable Adam Smith
United States House of Representatives
2264 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. 753, the Military Infrastructure Consolidation and Efficiency Act of 2017. This bill requires the Department of Defense to:

- Develop a force structure plan for the Armed Forces based on a DOD assessment of threats to the United States national security for fiscal year 2018 to fiscal year 2038
- Conduct a comprehensive inventory of military installations worldwide for each military department
- Submit a certification of whether the need exists for DOD to consolidate, close, or realign military installations.

The DOD may begin a round for the selection of installation actions only after Congress has had 90 days to consider such certification. The President may not begin such actions if Congress enacts a joint resolution of disapproval of the plan, inventory, or certification during such period. The DOD must certify that a round of installation actions will result in annual net savings within five years. In developing its installation action recommendations, DOD shall consider an affected local government's approval of such an action.

The bill establishes an independent Military Infrastructure Consolidation and Efficiency Commission of 2019 if:

- DOD certifies that the need exists for a round for the selection of installation actions
- Congress does not enact such a joint resolution of disapproval within the prescribed 90 days

The bill provides for:

- Commission review of, and authority to make changes to DOD recommendations
- Presidential review of commission recommendations for the consolidation, closure, and realignment of military installation inside the United States.

The bill sets forth:

- Provisions governing the transfer of property located at an affected installation
- The responsibilities of the redevelopment authorities for such installations
- The duties of the Department of Housing and Urban Development regarding how redevelopment plans address the needs of the homeless.

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 ABH (AW/Sea) USNR". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

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