



March 23, 2017

The Honorable Marco Rubio  
United States Senate  
284 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

On behalf of the Association of the United States Navy, we would like to pledge our support for S. 152, the VA Accountability First and Appeals Modernization Act.

This bill increases flexibility to remove VA employees for poor performance or misconduct. The bill would also reform the department's broken disability benefits appeals process, which is a top priority for VA leaders and many veterans' service organizations.

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 ABH<sup>2</sup>(AW/Sea) USNR". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the name "Michael Joseph Little" being the most prominent part.

Michael J. Little  
Director of Legislative Affairs