



February 16, 2023

The Honorable Mike Levin  
49<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of California  
2352 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Levin,

On behalf of the more than 2.1 million members of AMAC - the Association of Mature American Citizens, including more than 4,300 residing in CA-49, we offer our continuing support for H.R. 984, the "Commitment to Veteran Support and Outreach Act" as re-introduced on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

The struggle of transition from military to civilian culture is well documented. A common thread for servicemembers when leaving the military is the experience of disconnecting with the structure and stability that military culture provides. Often a profound sense of loneliness, of disenfranchisement, of uncertainty about the future, and bewilderment about managing all these transition challenges can be overwhelming. Many feel abandoned and, although our veterans are not helpless, they may not know how or where to turn for help.

Your bill acknowledges this challenge head on, and provides real, actionable solutions to connect with veterans who feel otherwise lost in the cold, especially ones in underserved communities. Not only will this bill, when it becomes law, "improve outreach and assistance" to veterans and their families, it will ensure that the outreach effort is followed-up with care to improve the lives of our brave volunteers who have completed their honorable service to our nation. It is notable that these bills include a measure of accountability assigned to the administrators charged with reaching out to our veterans, and that the authorized expenses are specific, such that the American taxpayer investment really does go where it is intended.

AMAC thanks you, Representative Levin, for your vision and strong leadership in advancing the Commitment to Veteran Support and Outreach Act to provide for our national heroes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Carlstrom".

Bob Carlstrom  
President  
AMAC Action