



February 26, 2026

The Honorable Gus Bilirakis
12th Congressional District of Florida
2306 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Bilirakis,

On behalf of AMAC Action, the advocacy affiliate of the Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC) with over 2 million members nationwide, including over 9,100 residing in FL-12, I write to express our strong support for H.R. 2102, the Major Richard Star Act.

AMAC is proud to count many Veterans among the membership, and AMAC Action prioritizes advocating for the fair treatment of those who have sacrificed in service to our great nation. The Major Richard Star Act corrects a deep injustice for combat-wounded Veterans and rectifies a flawed disability system.

At present, only Veterans who have a disability rating above 50 percent and have completed more than 20 years of service can receive both their full Department of Defense retirement pay and their full Department of Veterans Affairs disability compensation. This excludes more than 50,000 combat-injured military retirees from receiving their complete earned benefits.

The Major Richard Star Act guarantees that our Veterans receive the full benefits they have earned through their service and sacrifice in defense of our nation, regardless of their length of service.

Thank you, Representative Bilirakis, and your many bipartisan co-sponsors, for standing up for these American heroes and working to correct this longstanding injustice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew J. Mangione Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Andrew J. Mangione Jr.
Senior Vice President
AMAC Action