

PERSONAL STATEMENT OF LEE TRINK IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 2701, THE “*FALLEN SERVICEMEMBERS RELIGIOUS HERITAGE RESTORATION ACT*” SUBMITTED TO THE DISABILITY ASSISTANCE AND MEMORIAL AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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Chairman Luttrell and Ranking Member McGarvey, as an entrepreneur working at the intersection of entertainment, gaming, and digital culture, I’ve spent my career helping shape how people connect with stories. But no story is more important—or more deserving of accuracy—than that of a soldier who gave their life for their country. That’s why I strongly support H.R. 2701, the Fallen Servicemembers Religious Heritage Restoration Act.

This bill addresses a glaring historical wrong: the burial of Jewish American service members under Latin crosses in U.S. military cemeteries overseas, rather than under the Star of David—the symbol of their faith and identity. These were proud Jews who served and died as Americans. They deserve to be remembered as both.

I’m a proud Zionist and an unapologetic advocate for Jewish identity in every space I work in—whether it’s entertainment, tech, or media. And I know how vital visibility is. Restoring these headstones isn’t just about symbols—it’s about truth, justice, and showing future generations that Jews have always stood up for freedom and democracy.

Organizations like Operation Benjamin have led the way in correcting these errors. Now it's time for our government to follow. H.R. 2701 provides the support needed to ensure these heroes are honored with the respect and accuracy they deserve.

At a time when antisemitism is growing louder, we need to raise the volume on Jewish stories of strength, sacrifice, and service. This legislation helps do just that.

I urge Congress to pass H.R. 2701 and make this important correction to our national memory.

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