

The Honorable Jodey C. Arrington
Chairman
Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity
Committee on Veterans' Affairs
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The agenda for the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity legislative hearing on June 29, 2017, included draft legislation to amend title 38 of the United States Code to authorize the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide assistance for adaptations of residences of Veterans and Servicemembers in rehabilitation programs under chapter 31.

After further analysis of the draft legislation, we have determined that the cost estimate originally provided for the bill was incorrect. Our testimony initially stated that savings associated with the bill would be \$486,000 in the first year, \$2.67 million over 5 years, and \$6 million over 10 years. The revised savings associated with the bill are estimated to be insignificant at \$117,000 in the first year, \$643,000 over 5 years, and \$1.5 million over 10 years. The new estimated savings reduces the likely number of affected Veterans because nearly 96 percent of the current home modifications fell below the proposed maximum payable amount.

Thank you for your continued support of our Veterans.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Murphy
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