

The National Mobility Equipment Dealers Association (NMEDA), a non-profit trade association representing over 300 members across the mobility industry, strongly supports the testimony submitted by BraunAbility to Chair Van Orden, Ranking Member Pappas, and all members of the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

For more than 35 years, NMEDA has championed safe, reliable, and customized transportation solutions for individuals with disabilities—including our nation's disabled veterans. Our membership includes mobility equipment manufacturers, dealers, driver rehabilitation specialists, and other professionals committed to enhancing the independence and quality of life of those we serve.

NMEDA supports BraunAbility's testimony because it highlights three key priorities that are critical to the success and sustainability of the VA's adaptive automotive program:

1. **Updating the Adaptive Equipment Schedule:** An accurate, modernized equipment schedule is essential to ensuring veterans receive the appropriate mobility solutions they need—reflecting current technologies, safety standards, and real-world costs.
2. **Prompt Payment:** Timely reimbursement to providers is crucial to maintaining uninterrupted access to adaptive equipment and services for veterans. Delays jeopardize both the viability of providers and the continuity of care for those who rely on these solutions for daily independence.
3. **Two-in-Four's Adaptive Equipment Trade-In Policy:** The VA's sudden change in the interpretations of the two-in-four regulations significantly burdens our veterans.

As a long-standing advocate for veterans' mobility needs, NMEDA urges the Subcommittee to take these recommendations seriously. Ensuring veterans have access to updated equipment and prompt provider payments directly supports their freedom, dignity, and mobility.