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The Honorable Abraham Hamadeh
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Hamadeh:

The Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) supports H.R. 7103, the "Improving Emerging Tech Opportunities for Veterans Act," and thanks you for introducing this legislation. Directing the Department of Veterans Affairs, in coordination with the Department of Labor, to identify high-growth emerging technology industries and align them with veteran career pathways supports the transition outcomes that drive long-term sea service member success.

The Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard already produce some of the most technically skilled personnel in the federal workforce: nuclear-trained operators, cyber and intelligence specialists, advanced electronics technicians, and uncrewed systems operators among them. Yet on transition, many of these service members face a credentialing and discovery gap that pushes them away from the very industries, including artificial intelligence and semiconductor manufacturing, where their training would otherwise translate most directly. Embedding emerging technology in the formal definition of veteran-aligned programs gives VA and DOL the statutory anchor to act.

FRA urges passage of H.R. 7103 as introduced and asks that any implementing guidance reflect the technical depth of sea service occupational specialties. For more information, please contact Theo Lawson, Director of Legislative Programs, at TheoL@fra.org.

Sincerely,

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