



January 22, 2026

The Honorable Nancy Mace
United States House of Representatives
1728 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Mace,

On behalf of the Fleet Reserve Association, we write to express our strong support for the Veterans Affairs Distributed Ledger Innovation Act (H.R.3455).

The Fleet Reserve Association represents active-duty Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, veterans, retirees, and their families. We believe this legislation is both pivotal and consequential as Congress considers how best to modernize the Department of Veterans Affairs to meet the needs of today's veterans and future generations.

The VA continues to rely on aging legacy systems that are slow, inefficient, and vulnerable to error and cyber threats. These outdated systems contribute directly to delays in benefits adjudication, appointment scheduling, and the secure handling of sensitive medical and personal data. As technology evolves at a pace faster than Congress can traditionally respond, it is imperative that lawmakers act proactively to establish a framework that allows emerging technologies to be responsibly evaluated and adopted.

Your legislation does exactly that by directing the VA to study the potential use of distributed ledger technology, including blockchain, to improve efficiency, security, transparency, and accountability across VA systems. The Fleet Reserve Association believes Congress must pass forward looking legislation that lays the groundwork as these technologies arise, rather than waiting for systems to fail veterans yet again.

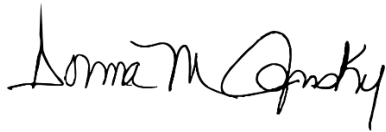
The potential benefits of this bill are difficult to overstate. Modernizing VA infrastructure through distributed ledger technology could drastically improve the quality, timeliness, and efficiency of care and benefits delivery. Improvements in claims accuracy, data integrity, and fraud prevention would have a meaningful and lasting impact on veterans and their families, while strengthening trust in the VA as an institution.

We appreciate your leadership in advancing innovative solutions that prioritize veterans and recognize that modernization is not optional, but essential. The Fleet Reserve Association urges

Congress to support the Veterans Affairs Distributed Ledger Innovation Act and take an important step toward ensuring veterans are no longer burdened by outdated systems and bureaucratic inefficiencies.

Thank you for your continued commitment to improving care and services for those who have served. We stand ready to work with you and the Committee as this legislation moves forward. The FRA point of contact is Theo Lawson, Director of Legislative Programs, at TheoL@fra.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Donna M. Janksy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Donna" being the most prominent.

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