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The Honorable Gus Bilirakis  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Representative Bilirakis:

The Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) supports the “Equal Access to Air Travel for Service-Disabled Veterans Act,” (H.R. 164).

Under current law, most active military and veterans, some military family members, and members of the Red Cross are allowed to travel on military aircraft if space is available. Unfortunately, 100 percent disabled veterans do not currently have access to this travel benefit. This legislation fixes this unintentional unfairness by adjusting the Space Available Program to include 100 percent disabled veterans. If this bill is enacted, 280,000 disabled veterans would finally have access to the same military aircraft travel that their peers enjoy.

The Association appreciates your leadership on this issue and stands ready to provide assistance in advancing this legislation.

The FRA point of contact is John Davis, Director of Legislative Programs, at the above numbers or (john@fra.org).

Sincerely,

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