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Legislative Update

ROA UP TO THE MINUTE MAN UPDATE

May 21, 2024

To the members of our Minute Man Movement: It is with great regret that I write to you today. The last month has been filled with many meaningful engagements on Capitol Hill (and in Denver, Colorado at the Hilltop Center). On May 6, we submitted a statement on our priorities for the fiscal year 2025 defense budget to the House appropriations subcommittee on Defense in association with an April 30 hearing with the reserve chair. The statement is available on my website's congressional testimony archive. We also published a press release spotlighting our call to Congress to "modernize the reserve components." On May 6, Reps. Frederic Whitworth, Suzanne Hironaka Phillips, and I met with staff of House Armed Services Committee's Subcommittees on Military and Veterans Affairs, Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman Mark Takano, and other congressional leaders. Our goal here, I elaborated for legislators that enhance bipartisan support for reserve component members and their families, at a reasonable handling of the House Military and Veterans Affairs, Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman Mark Takano, and other congressional leaders. Before the meeting, ROA learned that the House of Representatives "will" intend to (1) extend the Law Reserve Service Act (LRS) to 2025, (2) extend the Reserve Health Care Act (RHCA) to 2025, and (3) extend the Reserve Health Care Act (RHCA) to 2025. Executive Director Phillips came to House Veterans Affairs Committee leadership to lobby for bipartisan support for the packages, and if necessary, support for the vote on each issue. Two days later, I joined ROA file manager Peggy Wilmoth for a meeting with Rep. Fred Whitworth (R-VA), a retired Army Reserve. We discussed several important issues, including covering the Military and Veterans Affairs Committee's jurisdiction and the committee's role during the U.S. Public Health Service Ready Reserve Crisis. This is in the Reserve Man Update, however, is primarily focused on the latter: our campaign to support the USERRA RSC. ROA calls to action leading for the USERRA RSC have been previously covered by members of Congress, including Rep. Dan Claitor (R-VA), former Oklahoma (OK), and House Veterans (VA) Committee, the only Congress an available has yet to respond. As a result, the future of the USERRA RSC remains unclear. This is why we are hosting an

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This month's Law Reviews are linked below:

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- [No. 24.029](#) - The SCRA Gives the Service Member and his or her Spouse the Right To Terminate a Lease Early upon Receipt of PCS Orders
- [No. 24.028](#) - Why Does ROA File Amicus Curiae Briefs in the United States Supreme Court and other Appellate Court
- [No. 24.027](#) - Seven Myths about the Military Survivor Benefit Plan
- [No. 24.026](#) - USERRA for USPFOS



Honoring our fallen.

During April 2024, ROA was notified of 85 of our ROA comrades passing from our ranks. On behalf of our membership, we thank these brave men and women for their many years of service and wish their families peace. [Click here for the full list of names.](#)

