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The Honorable Phil Roe
United States House of Representatives
102 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Dr. Roe:

On behalf of the nearly two million members of The American Legion, I express our opposition for **H.R. 4920** *Department of Veterans Affairs Contracting Preference Consistency Act*. The American Legion opposes this bill because it undermines PL 109-461 and the 2016 Supreme Court ruling in *Kingdomware Technologies, Inc. v. U.S.*[1]

As envisioned by Congress, the Veterans First Contracting Program created by PL 109-461 has benefited the veterans community through entrepreneurship. Attempts to dilute the program will stymie the progress and overall enrichment of the veteran small business community since 2006.

Our opposition is consistent with the nation's goal of building the veteran small business industrial base and consistent with The American Legion's Resolution No. 21: Support Reasonable Set-Aside of Federal Procurements and Contracts. The American Legion opposes any action that would hamper the implementation of 38 U.S.C. §8127, so that a reasonable amount of federal dollars will continue to be directed to grow the veteran small businesses industrial base.

The American Legion asks for your leadership in addressing this critical issue facing our nation's veteran small businesses.

For God & Country,

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[1] *Kingdomware Technologies, Inc. v. United States*, 579 U.S. (2016)