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Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

May 2, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for a **Veterans Legal Service Hub** in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Arizona State University located at 300 East University Drive, Tempe, AZ 85281. The funding request of **\$1,000,000** would be used to provide Arizona veterans and Arizona State University veteran students with free legal support.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the requested amount of \$1,000,000 would be used by the Arizona State University Veterans Legal Service Hub to enhance justice and public safety by providing free legal assistance to veterans. The Hub will address service-connected criminal charges, discharge upgrades, and civil legal issues – such as debt, family law, and housing. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project directly supports the federal responsibility to manage and regulate military personnel matters. Additionally, by addressing veterans' legal barriers to reintegration, the project furthers the federal government's vested interest in national defense and military readiness by ensuring veterans successfully transition to civilian life, thus maintaining morale and the effectiveness of future recruitment efforts.

- The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Hamadeh', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Abraham J. Hamadeh  
Member of Congress