

H.R.2761 (VARGAS) THE HEALTHCARE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PATRIOTS IN EXILE (HOPE) ACT OF 2017

POSITION: The Chamber's Defense, Veterans & Military Affairs Committee voted to SUPPORT H.R.2761 on August 2, 2017.

STATUS: H.R.2761 was introduced by Congressman Juan Vargas on May 26, 2017. It was referred to the House Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security on July 12, 2017.

AT-A-GLANCE

H.R.2761 would allow deported veterans the opportunity to temporarily parole back into the United States to receive healthcare from a VA facility at the discretion of the Secretary of Homeland Security.

SUMMARY

H.R.2760 would make it possible for deported veterans to temporarily come back to the U.S. to receive medical treatment for service-related injuries. This would be on a case-by-case basis and would be at the discretion of the Secretary of Homeland Security. The secretary's oversight would provide national security protection in case the veteran had a serious criminal background.

ANALYSIS

The Chamber continues to be an enthusiastic supporter of the military and veteran communities in the San Diego region. H.R.2761 would support veterans by allowing these folks to receive the medical treatment they rightfully deserve. If veterans are able to remain in San Diego, they can have a positive impact on our regional economy by adding to our local workforce. The Chamber believes that we owe it to servicemembers who have given so much to our country the opportunity to receive medical care at a VA facility.