

The purpose of my communications is to render support of

**H 7184 RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- VETERANS'
AFFAIRS MILITARY SPOUSE LIAISON**

There is created, in the office of veteran's services, the position of military spouse liaison to conduct outreach and advocate on behalf of military spouses in the state.

As a veteran I have experienced first-hand the challenges with relocating to multiple duty stations. This challenge is compounded when spouses are facing similar activities with a new assignment. The presence of a spouse liaison will ease the transition for the spouse thus creating a subject matter expert to support the military family and eliminate barriers with relocating to a new area.

Respectfully,

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