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Military Officers Association of America

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President

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The Honorable Niki Tsongas
United State House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Tsongas,

On behalf of more than 380,000 members of the Military Officers Association of America, I am writing to thank you for your leadership in sponsoring H.R. 632, the U.S. Air Forces Escape and Evasion Society Recognition Act of 2015, which will award the Congressional Gold Medal to the Air Forces Escape and Evasion Society (AFEES) in recognition of the society's members heroic deeds.

The society was founded in 1964 by downed airmen who faced the harsh realities of falling behind enemy lines and evading capture by enemy forces. Many of them did so with the assistance of Resistance organizations and foreign nationals while under unimaginable pressures. The awarding of the Congressional Gold Medal is appropriate recognition for their bravery, tenacity and personal sacrifices in the defense of our nation.

Sincerely,

