

Dear Senator X or Representative Y

As you know the US military Chaplain Corps are a uniquely American institution supporting service members of all faiths. Each Chaplain is supported by a sponsoring faith group but each is committed to caring for all people without regard to denomination, faith, belief or any other characteristic. Our great military chaplains accompany our soldiers, sailors Marines and Airmen in the most remote and dangerous places on earth. Chaplains share the deprivations of our service members and their families as they provide solace, moral guidance, hope and morale support. They go forward in service armed only with faith, their concern for our brave military and their love of country. They also share some measure of risk and many who perished in service are memorialized on the monuments at Chaplains Hill Each Chaplain at Arlington National Cemetery. Unfortunately there are 26 chaplains from, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam War, The Gulf War, and The Global War on Terror whose names are not yet commemorated on those monuments.

Over 140 denominations and faiths support the National Conference on Ministry to the Armed Forces (NCMAF). Now NCMAF is seeking to update the memorials on Chaplains Hill in Arlington National Cemetery to include these fallen faithful servants. This work will be without cost to our Government, indeed the funds have already been raised. We write you to ask you join in the effort legislatively.

In May 2021 Senator Raphael Warnock (D-GA) introduced a Bill entitled “To preserve the Memorials to Chaplains at Arlington National Cemetery, (Senate Bill 1850) co-sponsored by Sen Boozman (R-AR).

In the House the “Chaplains Memorial Preservation Act” (HR 4365) was introduced by Doug Lamborn (R-CO), and co-sponsored by Vicki Hartzler (R-MO) , and William Keating (D-MA). The language is also being included to the House National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). Clearly this support for military chaplaincy and for faith in the Armed Forces is a nonpartisan mission with a bipartisan sponsorship.

We urge you to become a co-sponsor of this effort. In the (Senate please contact Margret Mullins in Senator Warnock’s office) (House please contact Rachel Gill in Representative Lamborn’s office) Let’s not allow this opportunity to honor chaplains who have died while in service to our nation to slip through our hands.