

January 8, 2020

The Honorable Mike Crapo
United States Senate
239 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Crapo:

On behalf of the 1.6 million members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) and its Auxiliary, we offer our support for S.2794 - *Bring Our Heroes Home Act*.

The existing process for families of Missing Armed Forces Personnel to recover records related to their relatives' service and potential whereabouts is extremely burdensome and time intensive. Family members are often forced to file Freedom of Information Act requests to retrieve any existing information about their relatives and the declassification process often results in records that are substantially redacted even if the information is decades old.

The bill would establish a Missing Armed Forces Personnel Records Collection at the National Archives and require executive agencies to identify, locate and transmit any Missing Armed Forces Personnel records in their possession to the National Archives for placement in the collection. This will in time grant easier access for families of Missing Armed Forces Personnel to receive their loved ones' records.

The VFW commends your leadership on this issue and your commitment to our nation's veterans. We look forward to working with you and your staff to pass this important bill.

Sincerely,



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