

To: Chairman Joseph J. Solomon, Jr. and members of the House Corporations  
Committee  
From: Dora Vasquez-Hellner

**Subj: HOUSE BILL NO. 7609**

Chairman Solomon et al.,

I am writing to express my full support for the enactment of House Bill No. 7609 (Azzinaro) during this legislative session. I thank you for being a co-sponsor on this important legislation. I respectfully ask that you and your committee vote quickly in favor of moving this bill to the House floor for passage. This bill is a high priority piece of legislation for the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

I am a 23-year Army combat veteran. I am a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

I am one of the fortunate veterans who does not have a first-hand negative experience from non-VA accredited claims sharks. However, I have heard multiple stories of how these sharks' prey on our veteran community.

Once this bill is passed, I am concerned as to how the bill will be enforced. I invite you to view **H.R.4190 — 118th Congress (2023-2024)**, BIPARTISAN GUARD VA BENEFITS ACT Legislation Would Reinstate Criminal Penalties For Charging Unauthorized Fees While Helping Veterans File Benefit Claims of actions taking place at the Federal level.

I respectfully request your vote to protect our veteran community from these non-VA accredited claims sharks.

Thank you!

Very respectfully,  
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