



**USAWOA**  
**Past Presidents Council (PPC)**  
**Project Title: New Format for USAWOA**  
**Legislative Initiatives**  
**Project Number: PPC-2021-03**  
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## OVERVIEW

### 1. Project Background and Description

The legislative initiatives formulated by the USAWOA, in close coordination with the Military Coalition (TMC), are initiated to gain congressional support to military legislative bills and amendments. Typically, bills are initiated in the House or Senate, or both chambers.

When the bills are initiated most have a sponsor from each party. A legal authorization bill is usually co-sponsored with a legal appropriation bill to fund the authorization. Once these bills are approved by each house a conference committee works out the differences and a final bill, agreed on by both chambers is then voted on and then sent to the President for final approval.

During a bill approval process constituents have an opportunity to voice their support or opposition to a bill. This is conducted through various methods to include: meetings, phone calls, email, and constituency letters from a representative's congressional district or a Senators state. Letter from constituents have a major impact on a representatives position of a given bill due to the potential for a constituent to vote against a representative that did not support the position of a constituent.

In todays modern political process sending a letter to your elected representative is significant and made very easy given new technological tools available for the automatic generation of constituent letter to elected representatives.

The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) has created an automated constituent letter generator that is an online cloud-based application. It is free to any officer to generate a letter to their elected representative on a legislative bill being considered that MOAA has identified as needing support or opposition. MOAA, as a member of the TMC, should

be supported by the USAWOA by encouraging warrant officers to use this capability when the association issues a “Call to Action” on a legislative initiative.

However, legislative initiative by the USAWOA have not ensured that they are synchronized with MOAA legislative initiatives and as a result, Call to Action letters may not be available for USAWOA initiatives. This disconnect between TMC member organizations minimizes the “synergistic network effect” of a combined legislative lobbying power of the military organizations of the coalition.

To eliminate this from occurring in the future a new format should be developed for all legislative initiatives that ensures collaboration from all TMC member associations and a united letter writing “Call to Action” that maximizes a constituent letter writing campaign across all association using the MOAA automated constituent letter generator that is an online cloud-based application.

## **2. Project Scope**

USAWOA National Headquarters, TMC Member Associations

## **3. High-Level Requirements**

Coordination with MOAA and other TMC member organizations.

## **4. Deliverables**

Legislative Initiative Format – [See PDF](#)

## **5. Affected Parties**

USAWOA National Headquarters

**6. Affected Business Processes or Systems**

Legislative Initiatives

**7. Specific Exclusions from Scope**

None

**8. Implementation Plan**

TBD

**9. High-Level Timeline/Schedule**

TBD

**APPROVAL AND AUTHORITY TO PROCEED**

We approve the project as described above, and authorize the team to proceed.

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