

# Leave No One Behind!

## The Veteran Service Recognition Act of 2023

~ H.R. 4569 ~

It's estimated that thousands of American veterans in the Armed Forces have been deported. Some of these veterans are recipients of medals of valor. **A typical example of what is happening:**

Brought to the U.S. as a young child, these folks grew up, started a family, and decided to give back to this country by serving in the military. They were not yet citizens upon returning from combat with PTSD plus other struggles. Unfortunately, they became involved in non-violent offenses in order to cope with trauma from service.

They're convicted and serve time in prison. Then they are deported. Yet America is the only home they know! Ripped from their families they miss out on years with loved ones.

**Many of our U.S. veterans suffer, age, and die in another country.**

These veterans are allowed to come back to the U.S. in an urn or a casket to be buried with veteran honors, but not allowed back alive.

Deported veterans can't access the military benefits rightfully earned and are often sent away with nothing but the shirts on their back. One woman was separated from her children for 29 years. However, 80 veterans have been repatriated thanks to the compassionate efforts of U.S. citizens.

**H.R. 4569** strives to grant nationalization on graduating boot camp noting that the person is willing to die for this country. It seeks to have a veteran's service record taken into account in a potential deportation, and helps previously deported veterans come home.



**Veterans or veteran family members: it's ESPECIALLY crucial that you call, write, explain, and insist that we "Leave No One Behind."**

**Tell your legislator: (a)** to support H.R. 4569, or **(b)** urge Republican congresspeople to write their own bill if they don't like the Democrats' bill, and **(c)** contact the President to ask for an executive order.

### Wyoming Congresspersons

Calling over writing is preferred to explain & request a meeting about H.R. 4569. Ask that they respond to you.

Representative Hageman:  
D.C. office: 202-225-2311  
[tinyurl.com/contacthageman](http://tinyurl.com/contacthageman)

Senator Barrasso:  
D.C. office: 202-224-6441  
[tinyurl.com/contactbarrasso](http://tinyurl.com/contactbarrasso)

Senator Lummis:  
D.C. office: 202-224-3424  
[tinyurl.com/contactlummis](http://tinyurl.com/contactlummis)

### White House

202-456-1414 (leave message 9am–1pm MST, M-F)  
[whitehouse.gov/contact](http://whitehouse.gov/contact)

### Useful Links

[H.B. 4569](http://tinyurl.com/HR4569): [tinyurl.com/HR4569](http://tinyurl.com/HR4569)  
[ABC News video](http://tinyurl.com/ABCvets) (12 mins.): [tinyurl.com/ABCvets](http://tinyurl.com/ABCvets)  
[Unified United States Deported Veterans](http://uusdepvets.org): [uusdepvets.org](http://uusdepvets.org)  
[Salazar's \(R-FL\) intro to the 2023 bill](http://tinyurl.com/Salazar2023): [tinyurl.com/Salazar2023](http://tinyurl.com/Salazar2023)



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