

May 20, 2025

The Honorable Kathy Castor
U.S. House of Representatives
2188 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Richard Hudson
U.S. House of Representatives
2112 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representatives Castor and Hudson,

On behalf of the Emergency Nurses Association and its nearly 45,000 members, I am writing to express our support for H.R. 2414, the MISSION ZERO Act. This important legislation will reauthorize a successful program that provides opportunities for military trauma teams to embed in civilian trauma centers. ENA has been an active supporter of the MISSION ZERO program since it was originally enacted as part of the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness and Advancing Innovation Act of 2019 (P.L. 116-222).

Traumatic injury remains the leading cause of death for Americans under age 45, and the fourth-leading cause of death for all Americans. The MISSION ZERO Act provides funding to support highly trained military trauma care providers to enter civilian trauma facilities to keep their skills sharp while they are not deployed. It also allows for skills learned through experience on the battlefield to be transferred to civilian trauma centers experiencing an increase in violence and traumatic injuries. In 2024, a police officer who was shot during a mass shooting was saved after being treated at a trauma center participating in the MISSION ZERO program.

MISSION ZERO is supported by research released by the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine in 2016, which made recommendations to establish military-civilian partnerships to help reduce preventable death from traumatic injury.

We thank you for your leadership on this critical issue that impacts the lives of all Americans who experience traumatic injury, on and off the battlefield. If you have any questions or would like to contact ENA about how we can help reauthorize this important program, please contact ENA Director of Government Relations Rob Kramer at 202-465-4756.

Sincerely,



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