

March 16, 2017 letter from IFPTE Local 2001, SPEEA Veterans Council Chairman, Mike Shea, to Rep. Larson. Similar letters were sent to other WA State lawmakers

“Rep. Larsen:

I'm Mike Shea. I am Northwest Vice President-Elect of the Society of Professional Engineering Employees in Aerospace (SPEEA), IFPTE Local 2001. I represent nearly 20,000 Boeing engineering and technical employees in the Pacific Northwest, a great many like myself who live in the 2nd District.

I'm writing you to ask you to oppose H.R. 1259, H.R. 1364 and H.R. 1461. These bills do nothing to improve government and add no value whatsoever to our nation. Instead, they attack the rights of federal employees to do their job effectively to serve veterans and other taxpayers.

In addition to serving as a union leader, I am an honorably discharged veteran who served as a U.S. Army officer during the Persian Gulf War. I am especially OUTRAGED by the adverse impact these ill-conceived and ANTI-AMERICAN bills could have on our outstanding VA employees, many of whom are my brother and sister veterans, with additional unforeseen consequences to the level and quality of service that all of our U.S. veterans receive.

Please vote NO on H.R. 1259, H.R. 1364 and H.R. 1461. I thank you in advance for your help in this matter, and I will certainly share news of your support with my fellow union workers and veterans. “