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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

My father served in the U.S Air Force with great sacrifice to our nation. This sacrifice has left him permanently disabled, with a nation that has abandoned him. I told my dad about this policy... at first he was very excited! -- Until I explained to him that Veterans like him would not be eligible under the program. My father was very disappointed and thought that he should have the same rights as every other veteran. I promised that I would fight for him because disabled veterans, of any branch, should have the same rights and privileges as all other veterans.

I ask that you expand this program to all veterans -- retired or disabled -- and let our heroes know that we will always honour them. I offer two technical amendments:

1. My first amendment, on its own, will allow all veterans who have served our nation for at least 20 years in **ANY** branch access to this program.
2. The second amendment makes a change allowing disabled veterans of any branch access to this program.

If the Committee adopts both technical amendments, it will allow more Veterans to have their service recognized. I ask for your support in fighting for HB2392.

Thank you for your attention,
-Rep. Aaron Coleman, House District 37