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The Honorable Don Bacon
US House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Representative Bacon:

On behalf of the Association of Old Crows (AOC), I write to express our deepest appreciation for your leadership on Electronic Warfare (EW) in the US Congress and our strong support for your legislation, the Joint Electromagnetic Spectrum Operations Readiness Act (JEMSORA). The bill represents a tremendous opportunity for military and defense industry leaders and our community — the scientists, engineers, managers, operators, educators, and military personnel — to advance innovative Electromagnetic Spectrum Operations (EMSO) that are a prerequisite for successful military operations in the twenty-first century.

The AOC, founded in 1964 and celebrating its 55th year, is an organization for individuals who have common interests in EW, Electromagnetic Spectrum (EMS) Management Operations, Cyber Electromagnetic Activities (CEMA), Information Operations (IO), and other EMS-related capabilities. Our association connects members and organizations nationally and internationally across government, defense, industry, and academia to promote the exchange of ideas and information, and provides a platform to recognize advances and contributions in these fields.

Congressman, you have been a champion of EW throughout your career — in both the US Air Force and now as a public official in Congress. As a Co-chair of the EW Working Group and a Member on the House Armed Services Committee, your leadership on critical national security issues facing our nation is greatly appreciated and we look forward to continuing to work with you in years to come.

JEMSORA is pivotal legislation at exactly the right time. The Department of Defense (DoD) and Congress must work together to advance Joint EMS operations (JEMSO). The EMS is literally at the center of all modern military operations. It is a continuous physics-based maneuver space that we must project, execute, and sustain control of to win any conflict. As your bill states, we must “accelerate” this effort and provide for “the unified governance framework necessary to optimize” every aspect of JEMSO - from concept to integrated fielded systems to warfighter training to a fully interoperable capability. The call for Joint Campaign Modeling, a thorough assessment of JEMSO capabilities and capacity, and a meaningful, sustainable and resourced governance enterprise will go a long way to addressing persistent gaps and align DoD and Congress on reforms necessary to our technology acquisition, tactics, techniques, and procedures. Finally, we greatly appreciate the attention JEMSORA provides to the warfighters and the human resources that underpin an effective JEMSO capability. It is the women and men who serve our country who benefit the most from this initiative. It is about successfully executing their mission and safely returning home to their families that fuels our pursuit of this important endeavor.

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This bill will help ensure the United States has a decisive advantage over adversaries and peer competitors when it comes to controlling the EMS. It is imperative we find new ways to work together to accelerate development of EW systems and technologies, balance investment to serve both near-term requirements and long-term vision, and strengthen leadership at every level in DoD and our military services.

We greatly appreciate your leadership and boldness in sponsoring this legislation to find creative solutions to the most pressing challenges facing our national defense. We look forward to working with you throughout the legislative process to advance these reforms and others necessary for advancing JEMSO. Please do not hesitate to call on us if we can be of any assistance to you and your colleagues in Congress.

Sincerely,

Lisa Fruge-Cirilli
President

