



**NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE SERVICE REPORT FORM**

**Department:** Rhode Island

**Month:** November 2023

**Committee Member Name:** Matthew Baldwin McCoy

**Report:**

1. On November 7, 2023, Democrat Gabe Amo was elected to fill the Rhode Island 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District seat vacated by U.S. Representative David Cicilline. Congressman Amo was sworn into office and has opened his Washington, DC, and District offices. Congressman Amo has been assigned to the House Foreign Affairs Committee. He has chosen Dylan Sodaro, the former Legislative Director for Congressman Bill Pascrell, Jr., to be his Chief of Staff. He has chosen Kate Michaud, the former Town Manager of Warren, Rhode Island, to be his District Director. Amo has brought his campaign communications director — Matt Rauschenbach — on board to handle press in his congressional office. I sent a letter of introduction to Congressman Amo along with copies of the 2023 VFW Priority Goals Brochure and September 2023 Edition of VFW Talking Points. I am working with his scheduler to meet with him at his district office in Pawtucket, Rhode Island.
2. I contacted Rhode Island Attorney General Peter Neronha's office to inform them of the Department's efforts to introduce, pass, and enact the proposed VFW claim shark legislation during the upcoming session of the Rhode Island General Assembly. I have also discussed this initiative with Director Kasim Yarn of the Rhode Island Office of Veteran Services. Together, we are working towards having this proposed legislation introduced when the General Assembly reconvenes in January 2024. I will be meeting with the chairman of the Senate and House Veterans Affairs committees seeking their sponsorship for these bills.
3. I submitted my paperwork to attend the National Legislative Conference (March 3-7, 2024).

Very respectfully,

  
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