

Elaine Luria (VA-02) Luria Is A Naval Veteran Dedicated To Serving Coastal Virginians

Voters need to see TV ads and voters need to see digital ads on OTT, YouTube and preroll that:

- Elaine Luria is a 20 year Navy veteran who spent her entire career on combatant ships and is dedicated to serving Coastal Virginians.
- She is one of the most bi-partisan members of Congress.
- She repealed the tax that unfairly taxed the benefits of Gold Star Families.
- She led a bi-partisan effort to eliminate co-pays on insulin for military retirees and military families.

Elaine Luria Is A 20 Year Navy Veteran Who Spent Her Entire Career On Combatant Ships.

U.S. Navy: Elaine Luria Was Among The First Women To Serve The Entirety Of Her Career On Combatant Ships. “A 1997 U.S. Naval Academy graduate, Rep. Elaine Luria served in the Navy for 20 years, was stationed aboard six ships as a nuclear-trained Surface Warfare Officer and retired as a commander. Luria was one of the first women in the Navy’s nuclear power program and among the first women to serve the entirety of her career on combatant ships.” [U.S. Navy, Representative Elaine Luria, Accessed [7/11/22](#)]

Elaine Luria Served Her Entire Career On Combatant Ships. “Vice Chair of the House Armed Services Committee and a member the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Rep. Luria was one of the first women in the Navy's nuclear power program and among the first women to serve the entirety of her career in combatant ships.” [Office Of Rep. Luria, Accessed [7/11/22](#)]

Elaine Luria Is One Of The Most Bipartisan Members Of Congress

2021: Elaine Luria Was Ranked In The Top 10% Of Congress For Bipartisanship. “Congresswoman Elaine Luria was recognized this week for her bipartisan record of achievement in the 116th Congress. The non-partisan Lugar Center and the McCourt School of Public Policy at Georgetown University ranked Rep. Luria 32 out of 437 U.S. Representatives who served from 2019-2020, and 15th among House Democrats.” [Rep. Elaine Luria, Press Release, [5/4/21](#)]

The Lugar Center Ranked Elaine Luria As The 32nd Most Bipartisan Member Of The 116th Congress.

31	Darren	Soto	FL	D	1.41872
32	Elaine	Luria	VA	D	1.41624
33	Kathleen	Rice	NY	D	1.41391

[The Lugar Center, Bipartisan Index, 116th Congress, Accessed [7/11/22](#)]

Elaine Luria Repealed The Tax That Unfairly Taxed The Benefits Of Gold Star Families

Elaine Luria Introduced The Gold Star Families Tax Relief Act, Legislation To Stop An Unfair Tax On Gold Star Families. “Virginia 2nd District Congresswoman Elaine Luria said bipartisan momentum is building behind legislation she introduced that will repeal a tax increase on Gold Star families. The tax hike was part of the tax law overhaul passed by Congress in 2017, and it has families paying taxes on survivor benefits. Spouses of the fallen sometimes sign over earned benefits to their children to ensure the family receives all the benefits. Since the new

tax law brought changes to how children's assets are taxed, the families who were formerly obligated to pay 12 to 15 percent in taxes on the income saw a rate jump to 37 percent. Luria's bill, the Gold Star Family Tax Relief Act (H.R. 2481), would classify such survivor benefits as earned income, significantly reducing the tax burden." [13 News Now, [5/16/19](#)]

Gold Star Families Received Relief From Unfair Taxes After Language To Correct The Tax Was Included In The Federal Budget. "Gold Star families hit by unexpected, large tax bills earlier this year will see that debt erased under language included in the massive federal budget deal passed by Congress this week. Advocates have said the so-called military 'kiddie tax' cost some families as much as \$10,000 last spring, and could have meant even bigger bills next spring for thousands of families. Now, under the fix included in the \$1.4 trillion budget deal headed to the White House, that burden will be erased and families will be able to apply for refunds for last year's taxes." [Military Times, [12/19/19](#)]

- **Elaine Luria Was The Sponsor Of The Language To Fix The Tax Burden On Gold Star Families.** "In a statement, Rep. Elaine Luria, D-Va. and the sponsor of the tax fix language, called the measure an urgent priority to help "America's most heroic families" recover from a congressional mistake. The fix itself had been non-controversial, with members from both parties expressing support for the idea over the last few months. But the legislation was stalled amid other budget fights until the final days of this year's session. President Donald Trump is expected to sign the measure into law before midnight on Friday. If he opts not to finalize the budget bills, it would trigger a partial government shutdown." [Military Times, [12/19/19](#)]

Elaine Luria Was One Of The Leaders In Congress On The Effort To Correct The Tax Burden On Gold Star Families. "The changes to the kiddie tax in the 2017 law were made in an effort to simplify it, but they had the unintended consequence of raising taxes on survivor benefits received by the children of deceased military members. Luria was one of the leaders in Congress on the effort to undo the kiddie tax changes."

With Honor Action Thanked Elaine Luria For Her Work To Ease The Tax Burden On Gold Star Families. "With Honor Action is launching a digital and print buy today thanking Congresswoman Elaine Luria for her hard work to help Gold Star families – families who have lost a loved one in military service. Congresswoman Luria's leadership on the Gold Star Family Tax Relief Act significantly eases the tax burden on Gold Star families, some of whom faced thousands of additional dollars in taxes on their survivor benefits." [With Honor Action, Press Release, [1/30/20](#)]

Elaine Luria Led A Bi-Partisan Effort To Eliminate Co-Pays On Insulin For Military Retirees and Military Families.

HEADLINE: "Luria Leads Effort Reducing Prescription Costs For Military Families, Retirees During COVID-19" [WAVY, [4/13/22](#)]

- **Elaine Luria Led The Effort To Ensure That TRICARE Beneficiaries Would Not Have To Pay A Co-Pay Even When Not At A Military Treatment Facility Pharmacy.** "Congresswoman Elaine Luria spearheaded a bipartisan effort on Sunday hoping to temporarily eliminate copays on prescription drugs for TRICARE insurance users during the COVID-19 pandemic. In response to the pandemic, some installation commanders have suspended base access for retirees and survivors to lessen the chances of mission-critical personnel being exposed to the virus. This means many TRICARE beneficiaries can no longer access military treatment facility pharmacies, forcing them to transfer prescriptions to mail order from retail pharmacies. While prescriptions are copay-free at military treatment facilities, they may have \$10 to \$29 copays at regular retail pharmacies." [WAVY, [4/13/22](#)]

HEADLINE: "Luria Looks To Help Military With Lower Prescription Costs." [13 News Now, [4/30/20](#)]

- **Elaine Luria Authored Legislation To Reduce Prescription Co-Pays For Military Families And Retirees.** "Congresswoman Elaine Luria (D-Va. 02) has authored the 'Help our Heroes Access Medicine

Act.’ The bill would reduce prescription drug co-pays during the coronavirus outbreak. Right now under Tricare, it's cheaper to get medication in person at a military pharmacy than it is to get it sent to your home by mail. This legislation would temporarily waive Tricare copays.” [13 News Now, [4/30/20](#)]

Elaine Luria Led An Effort Calling On Congressional Leadership To Eliminate Copays On Mail Order Prescriptions For Military Families And Retirees. “Congresswoman and Navy veteran Elaine Luria is leading an effort calling on Congressional leadership to temporarily eliminate copays on mail-order prescriptions for military families and retirees with Tricare during the coronavirus pandemic. Now that many retirees and military families are barred from installation pharmacies and have to turn to mail-order services to fill their prescriptions, that means they'll have to pay copays for their medication. Luria, a Democrat representing Virginia in the House, is calling on leaders in Congress to prevent that in the next COVID-19 relief package.” [Audacy, [4/14/20](#)]