

U.S. Rep. Grothman Bipartisan Air America Act passes unanimously through committee

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(Washington, D.C.) – Today, the bipartisan [Air America Act](#), authored by Congressman Glenn Grothman (WI-06), unanimously passed the House Committee on Oversight and Reform. The next step for the *Air America Act* is a vote on the House floor.

Grothman introduced the *Air America Act* on February 24, 2021, which now has over 100 bipartisan cosponsors. This bill will correct an inequity suffered by the brave Americans who are former employees of Air America by ensuring they receive the federal retirement benefits and recognition they have earned.

This injustice toward Air Americans was brought to Grothman's attention by Air American and Oshkosh resident, [Neil Hansen](#), and the [Air America Association](#).

Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) introduced a companion version of this bill in the U.S. Senate, which is currently cosponsored by a bipartisan group of 31 Senators.

*"Congress has twice passed corrective legislation for other covert CIA-affiliated groups," **said Grothman.** "It is not right that they have chosen to ignore Air Americans for so long. These patriots risked their lives, many of them giving their life, fighting communism in the same way members of the Air Force did. I am honored that so many of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle are joining me to support these heroes. I thank Chairwoman Maloney for holding a markup on this bill and urge Speaker Pelosi to soon hold a vote on the House floor. Hopefully, today is the beginning of the end of Air Americans' long struggle to receive the recognition they deserve for their service to our country."*