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Today, US Rep. David Price (NC-04), a member of the House Appropriations Committee, landed a position on its new Military Quality of Life and Veterans Affairs subcommittee. The new responsibility will allow Price to help protect North Carolina's military bases, advocate for the needs of North Carolina's National Guard and Reserves, and push for health research funding in the Triangle.

"This new assignment will enable me to look out for the brave North Carolinians who are putting their lives on the line to protect our country," said Price. "From working to reduce wait times at the VA Hospitals to advocating for better pay for our Guard and Reserves, I'll continue my efforts on behalf of 4th District troops and veterans."

Price moved to the new slot after House Republican leaders reorganized the Appropriations Committee, dismantling two of the subcommittees on which he served: Veterans Affairs-Housing and Urban Development (VA-HUD) and Legislative Branch. Through VA-HUD, Price had been able to secure support for key Triangle initiatives, such as Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) water treatment projects and economic development initiatives. Jurisdiction for those funding programs has been switched to three other subcommittees which collectively oversee funding for the Departments of Interior, Commerce, Justice, State, Transportation and Treasury.

"I will continue to advocate for affordable housing, research, and other former VA-HUD areas, although this will now take place at the full-committee level," Price noted.

Price will also continue to serve as second-ranking Democrat on the Homeland Security subcommittee, which is unaffected by the reorganization. From that post, he has been a strong advocate for more support for North Carolina's emergency needs and first responders.

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