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The Honorable Jim Langevin US House of Representatives 2077 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20510 The Honorable Glenn 'GT' Thompson US House of Representatives 400 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Dear Representatives Langevin and Thompson,

On behalf of the members of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the U.S. (EANGUS), which represents the interests and concerns of well over one million members of the Army and Air National Guard, their family members, National Guard retirees, and survivors, we are pleased to offer our support for H.R. 1592, the *Cybersecurity Skills Integration Act*. Founded in 1972, EANGUS is dedicated to the principles of providing an adequate national defense and promoting the status, welfare, and professionalism of the men and women of the Army and Air National Guard by supporting legislation that provides adequate staffing, pay, benefits, entitlements, equipment, and installations for the National Guard.

Members of the National Guard often have valuable military training in cybersecurity but have difficulty gaining the credentials necessary to get jobs in the workforce for their skills. Legislative Director Daniel Elkins said, "The *Cybersecurity Skills Integration Act* incentivizes institutions to create pilot programs that will capitalize upon our members skill-sets, drastically increasing the likelihood for programs to develop that will accept and accelerate our members towards valuable credentialing." These pilot programs will ensure that members of the National Guard continually advance in the workforce while taking advantage of their knowledge and training.

On behalf of our membership, The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States thanks you for your service and advocacy for our nation's Student Veterans. We look forward to working with you and your staff to advance the *Cybersecurity Skills Integration Act.*