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The Honorable Richard Blumenthal
United States Senate
706 Hart Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Jon Tester
United States Senate
311 Hart Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Sherrod Brown
United States Senate
503 Hart Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Senator Blumenthal, Senator Tester and Senator Brown,

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 S. 2327, the *TEA 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.

The Department of Defense's recent changes to the transferability of the Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits has confused and frustrated Servicemembers who wish to transfer this education benefits to their families. Unfortunately, many Servicemembers and Veterans are unable to transfer their education benefits because of a technicality or miscommunication, financially distressing military families who believed in the promise of the Post-9/11 GI Bill. S. 2327, the *TEA Act*, will ensure that our nation's Servicemembers and Veterans are able to transfer their Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to their families.

EANGUS Legislative Director Daniel Elkins explained that, "The men and women that protect our way of life often do not come from generational wealth, and they have earned the right to pass on what they have earned to their family."

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 Servicemembers and Veterans. We look forward to working with you and your staff to advance this important piece of legislation.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Frank Yoakum", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Frank Yoakum
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Executive Director
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