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The Honorable Phil Roe
U.S. House of Representatives
102 Cannon Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Jerry Moran
United States Senate
521 Dirksen Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mike Levin
U.S. House of Representatives
1626 Longworth Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Jon Tester
United States Senate
311 Hart Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Moran, Senator Tester, Representative Levin and Representative Roe,

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 the *Veterans Economic Recovery Act of 2020*. 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 faithfully responded to our country in crisis to serve their communities during COVID-19. The economy is devastated, and COVID-19 has caused unemployment among veterans to reach memorable highs, with early estimates of nearly 1.2 veterans in the top five most needed industries to be impacted. It is evident that considerable action must be taken to come alongside our National Guard servicemembers who have lost their jobs due to COVID-19, and to provide them retraining opportunities to reenter the workforce.

“The *Veterans Economic Recovery Act of 2020* is a commonsense and necessary piece of legislation that will greatly help members of the National Guard who served and lost their jobs during COVID-19,” stated EANGUS Executive Director, Frank Yoakum. “Members of the National Guard never stop serving their communities and our country, and their communities and families depend upon them now more than ever. Making sure they have the support they need to retrain and reenter the workforce is the least we can do to honor their service.”

On behalf of our membership, The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States, thanks you all 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".

SGM Frank Yoakum
U.S. Army (Retired)
Executive Director

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