

June 4, 2020

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 Veterans Education Project (VEP), 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*.

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.

On behalf of our membership, the Veterans Education Project, 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.



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