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Washington, D.C. - Today, the Veterans Education Project (VEP) is proud to support H.R.1592, the *Cybersecurity Education Integration Act*. This bill will integrate cybersecurity training into degree pathways that will greatly aid our nation's Student Veterans looking to transition into the workforce while taking advantage of their prior military training. Daniel Elkins, the Executive Director for VEP, said, "Too often, Student Veterans do not receive the credit they deserve from schools for their prior military training, like cybersecurity, which drastically slows their pace to complete a credential. They just want to be able to join the workforce in their areas of expertise. The development of more cybersecurity programs being tied into more degree pathways means more educational opportunities for these Student Veterans."

Integrating cybersecurity into our nation's critical infrastructures like agriculture, transportation and health will further secure our nation from cyber threats domestic and abroad. As Representative Glenn Thompson says, "Developing a 21st century workforce to meet the technical demands our country is facing now – and in the future – is paramount," said U.S. Representative Glenn 'GT' Thompson, a senior Member on the House Committee on Education and Labor. "This bill ensures we are protecting our sensitive data and critical infrastructure from bad actors, and this bill is the first step in the right direction. By enabling our Student Veterans to have the most sophisticated and comprehensive educational programs out there, we will be better prepared to protect our most critical systems and assets. I thank VEP for its support of this important legislation."

The Veterans Education Project applauds Representatives Thompson and Langevin for introducing this vital bill. VEP calls upon the rest of Congress to follow their lead to pass this piece of legislation that will increase education and workforce opportunities for Student Veterans, and increase our national security. VEP works to advance the interests of over a million Soldiers, Airmen, their families, retirees, and survivors. Reflecting the spirit of America in over 3,000 communities across the nation, the men and women of the National Guard serve to defend their nation from threats abroad as well as to respond to natural and manmade disasters in their home state.

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