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On behalf of the Veterans Education Project (VEP), we thank your offices for the introduction of the *SAVE LIVES Act*. As veterans serving veterans, the Veterans Education Project is committed to nonpartisan research, engagement, and policy implementation in our efforts to support institutions that meet the needs of student veterans, and guarantee the benefits and support systems necessary for veteran and military students to succeed.

The *SAVE LIVES Act* serves as a model for Covid vaccine distribution by serving underserved rural communities and ensuring Veterans, their spouses, and dependents have access to this vaccine at no cost, regardless of their current enrollment in VA health care. This is a critical step forward for the American people in our work to overcome the Covid pandemic, return our Veterans to the workplaces, and regain cultural normalcy once again. This legislation will save Veteran lives and protect their families throughout the duration of the Covid pandemic while promoting Veteran employment and education opportunities.

On behalf of our members, we thank you for this important piece of legislation and look forward to working with your offices moving forward to see its passage.

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