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Washington, D.C. - The Veterans Education Project (VEP) is proud to give its support to the bipartisan *Guard and Reserve GI Bill Parity Act of 2021*. Members of the National Guard and Reserve Component have thus far been deprived of the fair accumulation of their education benefits while performing equivalent or comparable service as their Active Duty counterparts. This legislation aims to address this disparity by ensuring that these Service Members are entitled to GI Bill education benefits when activated for service, in congruence with their Active Duty counterparts.

The COVID-19 pandemic magnified the severity of this inequality, as members of the National Guard and Reserve Component have risked their lives on the front lines of the pandemic, as well as in other unprecedented domestic deployments within the last year. “The men and women who serve in the Guard and Reserve make incredible sacrifices for our country just like other servicemembers, and they deserve equal benefits for doing similar jobs and facing similar risks,” said Rep. Levin, Vice Chair of the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs. “This bill will bring some basic fairness to the way GI Bill benefits are earned and provide Guard and Reserve members with the benefits they deserve. I deeply appreciate the partnership of The Veterans Education Project and others on this important legislation, and I look forward to advancing the bill on behalf of the Guard and Reserve members who have sacrificed for our country.”

The Veterans Education Project is calling upon all members on Capitol Hill to pass this bill without further delay.

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