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Representative Reschenthaler and Representative Ryan,

On behalf of the Veterans Education Project (VEP), we thank your offices for the introduction of H.R. 1536. 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 Veterans Education Project has long advocated for student servicemembers in the National Guard and Reserve component that are disadvantaged due to their duty status. One significant hurdle for members of the National Guard is their inability to file as an independent student in order to attain federal benefits, such as the Pell Grant, or state benefits, such as local scholarships for members of the Armed Services. H.R. 1536 will bring parity to student servicemembers of the National Guard, allowing these servicemembers access to all the financial support they may need in the pursuit of their postsecondary educations.

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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