

April 03, 2025

The Honorable Tim Kaine
United States Senate
231 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Kaine,

As the Executive Director of the Veterans Education Project (VEP), I write today to express our support for the **Jumpstart Our Businesses by Supporting Students (JOBS) Act of 2025 (S.383)** and commend you for your leadership in advancing this important bipartisan legislation. The JOBS Act takes meaningful steps to modernize the federal financial aid system and ensure that today's Pell Grant students, which include many veterans and transitioning service members, can access high-quality, short-term training programs that prepare them for in-demand careers.

For many veterans, traditional four-year degrees may not align with their career goals, timelines, or financial realities. The JOBS Act responds to this by expanding Pell Grant eligibility to cover high-quality, short-term programs that lead to industry-recognized credentials and meaningful employment. This approach recognizes the diverse pathways that veterans take when transitioning to civilian life and supports their ability to pursue education that is both relevant and responsive to the current job market. By eliminating unnecessary barriers to credentialing programs and increasing access to federal aid, the JOBS Act empowers veterans to build new skills, contribute to the workforce, and achieve long-term economic stability. It also strengthens the nation's talent pipeline, meeting the evolving needs of industries critical to our economy.

We urge Congress to pass this legislation and reaffirm its commitment to expanding opportunity for all students, including those who have served our country. The Veterans Education Project looks forward to working with you and your colleagues to ensure the successful enactment of this common sense and forward-looking bill.

Sincerely,

Donald Franklin
Executive Director
Veterans Education Project