

April 02, 2025

**The Honorable Jerry Moran
United States Senate
521 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510**

**The Honorable Richard Blumenthal
United States Senate
503 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510**

Dear Senators Moran and Blumenthal,

As the Executive Director of the Veterans Education Project (VEP), I write today to express our thanks for your introduction of S.649, amending title 38 to expand eligibility for Post 9/11 Education Assistance to members of the National Guard and Reserves. This critical legislation ensures that all members of the National Guard and Reserve receive equitable access to Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits for their service.

Currently, many National Guard members do not receive GI Bill credit for time spent in uniform, even when serving alongside their Active Duty and Reserve counterparts in the same capacity. This bill corrects that inequity by ensuring that every day in uniform counts toward education benefits, recognizing the sacrifices and contributions of those in the National Guard and Reserve.

We urge Congress to swiftly pass this legislation to uphold our nation's commitment to those who serve. The Veterans Education Project believes that Every Day in Uniform Counts, and that members of the National Guard should be at parity with their counterparts in Active Duty to be eligible to earn and accrue benefits from their service. The Veterans Education Project looks forward to working with policymakers to ensure the successful enactment of this vital reform.

Sincerely,

Donald Franklin
Executive Director
Veterans Education Project