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Veterans Education Project Supports Senate HELP Committee's Proposed Outcomes-Based Higher Ed Reform

Washington, D.C. – The Veterans Education Project (VEP) has submitted a letter to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) expressing support for proposed regulatory language in the One Big Beautiful Act that promotes student outcomes and institutional accountability.

The proposed reforms represent a significant step forward in federal higher education oversight. By focusing on outcomes such as earnings metrics, rather than inputs-based funding ratios, the new framework aims to provide more accurate, equitable measures of program effectiveness.

“We applaud the Committee’s move toward commonsense, outcomes-driven regulation,” said Donald Franklin, Executive Director of the Veterans Education Project. “Veterans and other high-need students deserve a system that rewards institutions for delivering real value, not one that creates artificial barriers through metrics that no longer serve their intended purpose.”

While applauding these proposed regulatory changes, VEP’s letter voices concern about retaining the historical limitations of the 90/10 rule, which in practice has disproportionately affected schools serving low-income and veteran student populations. These dynamics have led some institutions to raise tuition or limit veteran enrollment in order to meet compliance targets, ultimately hurting the very populations these policies aim to protect.

Our recommendations to retire or provide waivers for the 90/10 rule go hand-in-hand with the Committee’s proposed regulatory approach that would assess accurate program-level earnings calculations to determine whether institutions of higher education are best serving our veterans and the American taxpayer. This ensures that institutions are held accountable for student outcomes across the board, while ensuring equitable access to higher education and opportunities that it provides.

For more information on the proposed language, or to support this initiative, please contact nick@thevep.org.

About the Veterans Education Project

The Veterans Education Project (VEP) is a nonpartisan advocacy organization dedicated to ensuring that veterans, service members, and their families receive fair and equitable access to education benefits. VEP works with policymakers, educators, and veteran communities to advance legislation that protects and expands opportunities for those who have served.

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