

April 20th, 2026

The Honorable Jim Banks
303 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Banks,

On behalf of the undersigned, a coalition of Veteran advocacy organizations, we write to express our strong support of the *Promoting Access and Revenue Integrity Through Institutional Transparency Act* (the “PARITY Act”). We thank you for your leadership in advancing a reform that restores educational choice to the Veterans who earned their benefits through military service.

The Department of Veterans Affairs’ education benefit, the GI Bill, and Department of Defense’s Tuition Assistance program are not federal subsidies or loaned student aid. These education benefits are deferred compensation earned through service, sacrifice, and, in many cases, combat. However, The 2021 expansion of the 90/10 rule reclassified these earned benefits as “federal funds” for the purposes of a regulatory cap, conflating a Veteran’s paycheck with a taxpayer subsidy. That is an insult to every service member who wrote a blank check to this country, and it is a premise Congress should reject.

Currently, the 90/10 Rule restricts where Veterans can use their benefits. Student Veterans across the country have been turned away, waitlisted, or steered toward less suitable programs because their enrollment would push a school over an arbitrary regulatory threshold. The 90/10 Rule makes Veterans a liability on an enrollment ledger. Repeal restores them as the students they are.

The One Big Beautiful Bill act instituted a new regulatory environment that is sector-agnostic and prioritizes actual student-outcomes data. These new accountability metrics apply to all institutions of higher education eligible to receive Title IV and other federal sources of funds. Further, for Department of Veterans Affairs eligible programs, the newly passed Elizabeth Dole Act institutes programmatic-level data that report meaning Veteran-student learning and earning outcomes. With such progress in the regulatory environment to prioritize transparency and regulatory parity across every sector of postsecondary education, no matter what program a Veteran or service member considers attending, they now have uniform protections and programmatic outcome standards to inform their educational pathway. The 90/10 rule is a relic of a different era that relies on unproved assumptions of quality-assurance that can delay, disrupt, or punish Veteran students for exercising their earned benefits.

For these reasons, the undersigned organizations urge the Senate to advance the PARITY Act without delay. Our members have earned the right to choose the schools that best fit their goals. Congress should honor that choice, not constrain it.

We stand ready to work with you and your staff to see this legislation enacted.

Respectfully,

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