

July 19, 2018

The Honorable Maggie Hassan
United States Senate
330 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Hassan:

On behalf of Education Finance Council (EFC), I want to congratulate you, Senator Hassan, Representative Takano, and Representative Wenstrup for the introduction of the *Veterans' Education, Transition, and Opportunity Prioritization Plan (VET OPP) Act*. EFC strongly supports this legislation and your efforts to work with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to reemphasize and prioritize programs that help veterans and their families navigate a complex education benefits process and fully utilize the benefits they have earned.

EFC is the national trade association representing nonprofit and state-based higher education finance organizations that, as mission-driven, public-purpose entities, are dedicated to improving college access, success, and affordability in their states and nationwide. In the past year alone, EFC Members provided over 2.5 million families the resources needed to successfully plan, save, and pay for college. EFC Members work with servicemembers, veterans, and their families to help them achieve postsecondary success through dedicated support services, products, and content.

By establishing the Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition Administration, this legislation makes a common-sense reform that will empower veterans in their civilian lives and enhance their educational and economic opportunities.

EFC strongly endorses the *VET OPP Act*, which makes necessary reforms to help veterans during their transition to civilian life. EFC looks forward to working with you, Senator Rubio, Representative Takano, Representative Wenstrup, and your colleagues to move this important legislation forward.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if EFC can be of assistance to you or your staff in any way.

Sincerely,



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