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The Honorable Patty Murray
Chairman, Senate Veterans Affairs Committee
412 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard Burr
Ranking Member, Senate Veterans Affairs Committee
825A Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Murray and Ranking Member Burr:

On behalf of the more than 2 million members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) and our Auxiliaries, I am writing to express the VFW's support for legislation to improve consumer information and consumer protections for student-veterans – specifically, the language from the House-passed bill, H.R. 4057, the *Improving Transparency of Education Opportunities for Veterans Act of 2012*.

With very limited time left on the Senate calendar, the VFW urges the Senate to pass a bipartisan bill that will improve the delivery of relevant consumer information to potential student-veterans and create clear recourse mechanisms for veterans who believe they have been victims of fraud, waste or abuse. The VFW believes H.R. 4057 must be that bill.

More than a year has passed since the veterans' community voiced concern that some in the higher education space sought to take advantage of veterans' education benefits, and that the military and VA needed to step up their efforts to create informed consumers in the education marketplace. With nearly one million students enrolled this fall in G.I. Bill programs, the VFW believes that we cannot wait for another Congressional term to take action.

You have each long served as a vocal advocate for our veterans on Capitol Hill, which is why we ask you to once again serve as a positive voice for our nation's heroes by supporting the Senate passage of H.R. 4057 to improve consumer protection resources for our student-veterans.

Sincerely,

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