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April 12, 2017

The Honorable Scott Peters
1122 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Peters:

The Military Coalition, a consortium of uniformed services and veterans associations representing more than 5.5 million current and former service members and their families and survivors, writes to express our support for H.R. 1379. If enacted, this legislation would grant full Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to all Post-9/11 Purple Heart recipients.

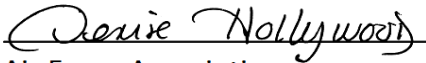
Currently, only veterans who either serve at least 36 months on active duty or are medically retired receive Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits at the 100 percent rate. Those who were not medically retired and serve less than 36 months receive only a portion of those benefits on a prorated basis. Unfortunately, this leaves out many Purple Heart recipients, particularly from the Reserve Component, who were wounded on Post-9/11 battlefields, but were activated for less than three years in total.

We strongly believe that any veteran who sheds his or her blood for our country on a Post-9/11 battlefield should be automatically granted the full benefit of the GI Bill that bears the name of the era in which he or she served. Your legislation would make this a reality, extending full Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to all current era Purple Heart recipients, fully honoring their extraordinary sacrifices.

TMC thanks you for your leadership on this issue and your unwavering commitment to veterans and their families. We look forward to working with you to ensure the passage of this important legislation.


Respectfully,

The Military Coalition
(Signatures enclosed)


Air Force Association



Air Force Sergeants Association


Air Force Women Officers
Associated

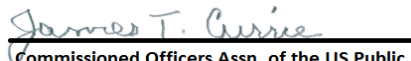

AMVETS


Army Aviation Association of America


AMSUS, the Society of Federal Health Professionals


Association of the United States Army

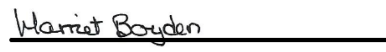

Association of the United States Navy


Commissioned Officers Assn. of the US Public
Health Service, Inc.



CWOA US Coast Guard


Enlisted Association of the National
Guard of the US

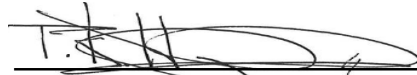

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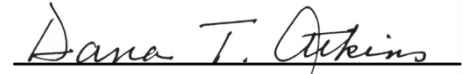

Gold Star Wives of America


Iraq & Afghanistan Veterans
of America



Jewish War Veterans of the USA

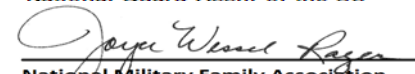

Marine Corps League


Marine Corps Reserve Association


Military Officers Association of America


Military Order of the Purple Heart

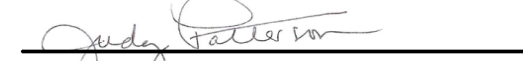

National Guard Assn. of the US



National Military Family Association


Naval Enlisted Reserve Assn.

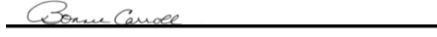

Non Commissioned Officers Assn.
of the United States of America


Reserve Officers Association

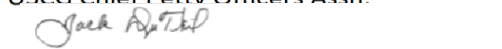

Service Women's Action Network


The Military Chaplains Assn. of the USA

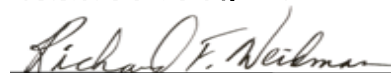

The Retired Enlisted Assn.


Tragedy Assistance Program for
Survivors


USCG Chief Petty Officers Assn.


US Army Warrant Officers Assn.


Veterans of Foreign Wars of the US


Vietnam Veterans of America