

July 14, 2017

The Honorable Lois Frankel
United States House of Representatives
1037 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-0922

Dear Representative Frankel:

On behalf of the higher education associations listed below, I write to express our support for the Veterans Education Empowerment Act of 2017.

Modeled after the Centers of Excellence for Veteran Student Success program, your bill would authorize a competitive grant program in the Department of Veterans Affairs to support the creation of veteran student centers on campus. Colleges and universities have developed and implemented a wide range of programs and practices designed to support veterans on campus. Having a dedicated space for veterans is a promising practice that has been successful at many institutions.

We appreciate your efforts to craft legislation that is both flexible and ensures that a variety of institutions from across the country, including community colleges, public four-year institutions and private nonprofit institutions, may participate. These federal grants will undoubtedly leverage additional institutional resources to support these centers and the student veterans they serve.

Thank you for all you do to help veterans and other military-affiliated students achieve their higher education goals.

Sincerely,



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On behalf of:

American Association of Community Colleges

American Association of State Colleges and Universities

American Council on Education

Association of American Universities

Association of Public and Land-grant Universities

National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities