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Honorable James P. McGovern
United States House of Representatives
438 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman McGovern:

On behalf of the 2.4 million members of The American Legion, I would like to express support for your bill, the *Wounded Warrior Service Dog Act of 2013.* Your legislation will direct the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense to jointly establish a program for the awarding of competitive grants to non-profit organizations that address physical and mental health needs of service members with assistance from service dogs.

Your legislation help expand the use of service dog programs, in keeping with the spirit of The American Legion's Resolution 127: *Service Dogs for Injured Service Personnel and Veterans with Mental Health Conditions*, which seeks to "...ensure VA provides service and guide dogs to veterans with mental health illnesses."

Again, The American Legion supports passage of this legislation, and applauds your leadership in addressing this critical issue facing our nation's service members and veterans.

Respectfully,

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