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Honorable Judy Chu
United States House of Representatives
1520 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Chu:

On behalf of the 2.4 million members of The American Legion, I would like to express support for the *Veterans Education Counseling Act of 2013,* which would improve the academic and vocational counseling options available to student-veterans.

According to Resolution No. 303, *Support Regulation of For-Profit Schools and State Approving Agencies*, passed at our 2013 National Convention, The American Legion supports efforts to "pursue opportunities to educate veterans and military members on selection and attendance at post-secondary education institutions."

This legislation requires the VA to differentiate between the educational counseling that all GI Bill users are entitled to, and the Voc Rehab program. Additionally, it requires VA to let veterans know that they are entitled to this "basic" educational counseling, and provide information on how to apply for it, prior to the veteran applying for GI Bill benefits. Finally, it would allow veterans to apply for benefits through the eBenefits portal. All of these provisions are in keeping with the overall intent of The American Legion to ensure that veterans receive a maximum amount of information when using their earned GI Bill benefits, to ensure that they receive sufficient information in order to gain the most benefit from their education.

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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National Commander