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Honorable Mark Pryor
United States Senate
SD-255 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Pryor:

On behalf of the 2.4 million members of The American Legion, I would like to express our strong support for the *Veteran Entrepreneurship and Training (VET) Opportunities Act of 2014,* which will greatly update and improve possibilities for our veteran small business community.

According to The American Legion's Resolution No. 320, The American Legion wants to make clear that we support these programs under the leadership of the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Office of Veterans Business Development.

This legislation will fund several important programs that will enhance veterans' economic development by giving them the proper training and assistance they need to be successful entrepreneurs, and we believe that the SBA office of Veterans Business Development is the appropriate office to manage and lead these programs. Also, The American Legion has long advocated for increased funding for this office, and the Veterans Business Outreach Centers. These centers, which have been severely underfunded for years, and The American Legion is eager to see these centers funded at appropriate levels commensurate with other SBA outreach efforts.

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 veteran entrepreneurs.

Sincerely,

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National Commander