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The Honorable John Carter
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Carter:

The Military Coalition (TMC), a consortium of uniformed services and veterans associations representing more than 5.5 million current and former servicemembers and their families and survivors, is writing to express our support of your bill, H.R. 5081, the "Military Spouses Employment Act of 2006" that seeks to expand the Workforce Opportunity Tax Credit to include military spouses, providing employers a tax incentive to hire qualified military spouses.

We are proud of the sacrifice our military families are willing to make for our country. Family members, who move on average every two to four years while on active duty, are not always allowed the opportunity for meaningful employment. Your legislation would provide a strong incentive to hire qualified military spouses and help strengthen our military families.

The Military Coalition thanks you for introducing this legislation and for your leadership on these important military family issues. We look forward to working closely with you in seeking timely enactment of this legislation in the 109th Congress.

Sincerely,

The Military Coalition
(signatures enclosed)

Air Force Association
Air Force Sergeants Association
Air Force Women Officers Associated
American Logistics Association
AMVETS (American Veterans)
Army Aviation Association of America
Association of Military Surgeons of the United States
Association of the United States Army
Chief Warrant Officer and Warrant Officer Association, U.S. Coast Guard
Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service, Inc.
Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States
Fleet Reserve Association
Gold Star Wives of America, Inc.
Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America
Marine Corps League
Marine Corps Reserve Association
Military Chaplains Association of the United States of America
Military Officers Association of America
Military Order of the Purple Heart
National Association for Uniformed Services
National Guard Association of the United States
National Military Family Association
National Order of Battlefield Commissions
Naval Enlisted Reserve Association
Naval Reserve Association
Navy League of the United States
Non Commissioned Officers Association
Reserve Enlisted Association of the United States
Reserve Officers Association
Society of Medical Consultants to the Armed Forces
The Retired Enlisted Association
United Armed Forces Association
United States Army Warrant Officers Association
United States Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Association
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
Veterans' Widows International Network