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The Honorable John Kerry  
218 Russell Senate Office Building  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Ron Klein  
313 Cannon House Office Building  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Senator Kerry and Representative Klein,

The Military Coalition, a consortium of 34 nationally prominent military and veterans associations representing 5.5 million active, Guard, Reserve, retired and former members of the uniform services, plus their families and survivors, is grateful for your initiatives to extend the small business employer wage credit by sponsoring S 2748 and HR 4042 "*Small Business and Military Family Assistance Act of 2009*" respectively. Both bills will extend tax credits for employers of activate Guard and Reserve personnel.

The Coalition appreciates your foresight and support in extending this temporary wage credit to employers of activated service personnel. The Guard and Reserve forces are critical to conducting the Global War on Terror, causing significant strains on service members and their civilian employers. Today's increased utilization and unprecedented OPTEMPO makes employer support more important than ever. The Coalition is ultimately seeking a permanent tax credit for employers who continue to pay activated Guard and Reserve employees up to 2 years.

If your staff has any questions concerning our position on this matter, please have them contact Col Phil Odom, USAF (Ret), at 703 838-0534 or [philo@moaa.org](mailto:philo@moaa.org).

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  
Association of the United States Navy  
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.  
Iraq & Afghanistan Veterans of America  
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  
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 States Army Warrant Officers Association  
United States Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Association  
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States