



September 3, 2021

The Honorable Linda Sánchez
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Sánchez,

The Military Coalition (TMC), representing more than 5.5 million current and former servicemembers, their families, and survivors would like to express our support for the *Credit for Caring Act* (H.R. 3321). Each year, millions of military and veteran caregivers are providing billions of dollars in unpaid care to their loved ones and have become indispensable contributors to the home-based care and support we owe to those who have sacrificed for our nation. In addition to personal sacrifices to health and career in most cases, many caregivers also spend significant sums on caregiving expenses.

The *Credit for Caring Act* would create a new, non-refundable federal tax credit of up to \$5,000 that would help eligible working veteran, military, and other caregivers address the financial challenges of caregiving. This credit would provide critical financial relief to a broad population of hidden heroes that may or may not qualify for support for Department of Veterans Affairs or the Department of Defense but nevertheless incur personal expenses to provide care and support to those who depend on them. In doing so, these caregivers often help delay or prevent more costly medical care that might otherwise be paid by the U.S. taxpayer.

Supporting our nation's military and veteran caregivers is one of the most effective ways to improve the health and wellbeing of wounded, ill, and injured servicemembers and veterans. We owe these caregivers gratitude and acknowledgment, and the *Credit for Caring Act* would achieve both. TMC thanks you for your leadership on this issue and your unwavering commitment to wounded, ill, or injured veterans and servicemembers – and those who care for them. We look forward to working with you to ensure the passage of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Jack Du Teil
President,
The Military Coalition

See attached list of organizations

Association of the United States Army (AUSA)
Commissioned Officers Association of the US Public Health Service (COA)
Chief Warrant Officers Association of the US Coast Guard (CWOA)
Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS)
Fleet Reserve Association (FRA)
Gold Star Wives of America (GSW)
Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America (JWV)
Marine Corps League (MCL)
Marine Corps Reserve Association (MCRA)
Military Chaplains Association of the United States of America (MCA)
Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)
Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH)
National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS)
National Military Family Association (NMFA)
Non Commissioned Officers Association (NCOA)
Reserve Organization of America (ROA)
Service Women's Action Network (SWAN)
The Enlisted Association (TREA)
Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS)
United States Army Warrant Officers Association (USAWOA)
USCG Chief Petty Officers Association (CPOA)
Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)
VetsFirst
Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA)
Wounded Warrior Project (WWP)