



September 3, 2021

The Honorable Pat Fallon
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Fallon,

The Military Coalition (TMC), a consortium of organizations representing 5.5 million servicemembers, veterans, their families and survivors, writes to express our support for the *Veteran Employment Recovery Act* (H.R. 3582). This bill would expand both short-term unemployment and long-term unemployment tax credits under the Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) for recently separated servicemembers with a service-connected disability and veterans who have previously received unemployment benefits.

In 2011 the *VOW to Hire Heroes Act* (P.L. 112-56) was passed, allowing employers to qualify for WOTC when hiring certain veterans. In 2019, employers used WOTC to provide jobs to more than 150,000 veterans¹. Although that number dropped to just over 100,000 in 2020, WOTC remains a proven economic incentive for communities with veterans seeking employment. Finding employment during military transition is challenging enough, and made even more difficult if the veteran has a service-connected disability. The *Veteran Employment Recovery Act* would temporarily increase the value of the WOTC for recently separated veterans with a disability and veterans who have been unemployed for more than 6 months as our nation's economy recovers from the COVID-19 public health emergency.

We appreciate your commitment to those who have served, continue to serve, and their families and survivors. In addition to our support for the *Veteran Employment Recovery Act*, TMC stands ready to continue working with you to encourage strong workforce participation and economic resiliency.

Sincerely,

Jack Du Teil
President,
The Military Coalition

See attached list of organizations

¹ <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/wotc/performance>

Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA)
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)
Reserve Organization of America (ROA)
Service Women's Action Network (SWAN)
The Independence Fund (TIF)
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)