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The Honorable Sherrod Brown
311 Hart Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Julia Brownley
Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Brown and Representative Brownley,

On behalf of The Military Coalition (TMC), a consortium of uniformed services and veterans associations representing 5.5 million current and former service members, their families and survivors we write offering our strong endorsement for your *CHAMPVA Children's Care Protection Act of 2019*. We are grateful for your leadership in championing this long overdue measure.

By expanding the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA), children of eligible veterans, family members, and survivors will be able to keep their health care coverage until age 26. TMC has remained a strong proponent of this legislation since the passage of the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA). It is time to pass this important piece of legislation—doing so will align eligibility with private-sector and the Department of Defense TRICARE insurance plans to conform to the requirements of the ACA.

TMC is committed to ensuring children of those veterans who have been rated permanently and totally disabled, have died from service-connected disabilities or in the line of duty, or were totally disabled from a service-connected disease at the time of death have the same opportunity to access health care. Your sponsorship of this legislation gives veterans and their children a great deal of encouragement that they have not been forgotten.

The Coalition thanks you for sponsoring this legislation and for being staunch supporters of veterans and their families. We look forward to joining you in making CHAMPVA Children's Care Protection Act the law of the land.

Sincerely,

The Military Coalition
(Signatures enclosed)

Air Force Association
Air Force Sergeants Association
AMVETS (American Veterans)
Army Aviation Association of America
AMSUS, the Society of Federal Health Professionals
Association of the United States Navy
Chief Warrant & Warrant Officers Association, USCG
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
Iraq & Afghanistan Veterans of America
Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America
Marine Corps League
Marine Corps Reserve Association
Military Officers Association of America
Military Order of the Purple Heart
National Guard Association of the United States
National Military Family Association
Naval Enlisted Reserve Association
Reserve Officers Association
Service Women's Action Network
The Military Chaplains Association of the United States of America
The Retired Enlisted Association
Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors
United States Army Warrant Officers Association
United States Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Association
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
Vietnam Veterans of America