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The Honorable Jon Tester
United States Senate
311 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Tester,

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 strongly supports S. 423, *CHAMPVA Children's Care Protection Act of 2017*. Thank you for reintroducing the bill and recognizing this important segment of the veteran population.

Your legislation would allow children eligible for CHAMPVA to maintain their coverage until their 26th birthday, bringing the program in line with private insurance plans and the Department of Defense TRICARE Program as currently provided under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010. A child would be ineligible for CHAMPVA if he or she is eligible for coverage in an employer-sponsored health care plan. Those eligible would include adult children of:

- Veterans rated permanently and totally disabled for a service-connected disability;
- Veterans who have died from service-connected disabilities;
- Veterans who were totally disabled from a service-connected disease at the time of their death; and,
- Military members who have died in the line of duty.

This legislation will provide a great deal of comfort and peace of mind to veteran families. TMC is grateful for your long-standing commitment to this issue and we look forward to working together to pass this timely measure.

Sincerely,
The Military Coalition
(Signatures enclosed)

Air Force Association
Air Force Sergeants Association
Air Force Women Officers Associated
AMVETS (American Veterans)
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
Non Commissioned Officers Association
Service Women's Action Network
The Military Chaplains Association of the United States of America
Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors
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
Vietnam Veterans of America

Military Coalition Letter in re: S. 423, February 24, 2017