



September 12, 2014

The Honorable Tom Carper
United States Senate
513 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-6225

Dear Senator Carper,

Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA) is pleased to offer our support for the Military and Veterans Education Protection Act which would close the 90/10 loophole.

The federal 90/10 rule bars for-profit colleges and universities from deriving more than 90 percent of their revenue from the Department of Education's federal student aid programs (Title IV). The purpose of this law is to prevent for-profit schools from over reliance on government funds when enrolling students. Currently, the law does not count Department of Defense (DoD) Tuition Assistance benefits or Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA) G.I. Bill benefits towards the 90 percent.

This legislation would allow schools to receive no more than 90 percent of their revenue from federal student aid programs, and would include DoD and VA benefits on the 90 percent side. Closing the 90/10 loophole will remove the incentive for some for-profit schools to use overly aggressive tactics to recruit service members and veterans. We believe your legislation will create an environment that will allow these individuals to make informed decisions about educational opportunities.

IAVA believes that veterans and service members deserve the best education and support this country can offer. We are proud to offer our assistance and thank you for moving forward this meaningful legislation. If we can be of help, please contact Christopher Neiweem, IAVA's Legislative Associate, at (202) 346-3268, or by email at chrisn@iava.org.

Sincerely,

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