

March 11, 2024

The Honorable Mike Johnson  
Speaker  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries  
Minority Leader  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. Minority Leader;

On behalf of the undersigned organizations representing millions of veterans, service members, families, and survivors, we want to express our strong opposition to Section 302(a) of H.R. 6951, *College Cost Reduction Act*. This provision would repeal the 90/10 Rule, along with the veteran education loophole fix, an important protection for our nation's veterans and all beneficiaries using Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) education benefits, like the GI Bill.

For years, our organizations fought to pass legislation to set limits on the amount of federal funds that for-profit higher education institutions could receive. The 90/10 Rule limits schools to receive not more than 90 percent of their funding from Title 4 grants and loans and at least 10 percent from non-federal funding. A loophole of the 90/10 Rule excluded VA benefits from the federal funding designation. In 2021, bipartisan legislation passed into law to fix this problem and the final regulations followed in 2022.

Closing 90/10 loophole was a necessary protection for our nation's veterans and all beneficiaries of VA education benefits. Without this protection, predatory schools would be able to target these students, seeing them as dollars signs to boost their profits. We must protect this important population from bad actors and safeguard taxpayer dollars. We urge that Section 302(a) of H.R. 6951, *College Cost Reduction Act*, be removed from the legislation.

Respectfully,

American GI Forum of the U.S.  
AMVETS  
Black Veterans Project  
Blue Star Families  
Commissioned Officers Association of the USPHS  
Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America  
Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America  
Marine Corps Reserve Association  
Military Chaplains Association  
Military Child Education Coalition  
Military Family Advisory Network  
Military Officers Association of America  
Modern Military Association of America  
National Association of American Veterans, Inc.  
National Military Family Association  
No Greater Sacrifice

Paralyzed Veterans of America  
Service Women's Action Network  
Student Veterans of America  
Swords to Plowshares  
The American Legion  
Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors  
Travis Manion Foundation  
U.S. Army Warrant Officers Association  
U.S. Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Association & Enlisted Association  
Veterans Education Success  
Veterans for Common Sense  
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States  
Vietnam Veterans of America

cc:

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Mike Bost, Chair, House Veterans' Affairs Committee