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Senator Andrew Maynard, Co-Chair  
Representative Ted Graziani, Co-Chair  
Honorable Members  
Connecticut Select Committee on Veterans Affairs  
Legislative Office Building  
Hartford, Connecticut 06105

IN RE: Testimony regarding Proposed S. B. No. 901 An Act Concerning Fees Paid by Members of the Connecticut National Guard at Community Colleges, The Connecticut State University System and the University of Connecticut.

Good morning Sen. Maynard, Rep. Graziani, and members of the Select Committee on Veterans Affairs. My name is Robert Moeller and I am President of the Connecticut Chapter, Association of the United States Army. The Connecticut Chapter has been existence since April 22, 1959. It has 641 members, 6 Sustaining Corporate Members, which include Sikorsky Aircraft, Atlantic Inertial Systems, Colt Firearms, Goodrich, Hamilton Sunstrand, Ensign Bickford; and 22 Corporate Members. AUSA is a private professional, non-profit educational organization, and is the only non-profit organization dedicated to support the Army – Active, National Guard, Army Reserve, Department of the Army Civilians, Retirees, Family members, and Veterans. I am also a retired Command Sergeant Major with 41 ½ years of service, both active duty and with the Connecticut Army National Guard. I am also a Life Member of the National Guard Association of Connecticut, since the 1970,s and a Life member of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States. I am here to read testimony on behave of *DEREK J. EYERMAN* a Board member of the National Guard Association of Connecticut, who is in Washington, DC. with other members of the Association.