

**VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
FOR March 7, 2013**

Good Afternoon Senator Leone, Representative Hennessy, and members of the Veterans' Affairs Committee. My name is Jennifer Kyer currently from West Hartford. I was honorably discharged after twelve years of service from the Connecticut Army National Guard. I was fortunate to have the shared trait of military service with my father and am thankful for that opportunity. I would like to express support for three bills before you today.

**I support S.B. No. 934 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING FEE WAIVERS FOR EDUCATIONAL EXTENSION PROGRAMS AND SUMMER SCHOOL SESSIONS FOR WARTIME VETERANS AND MEMBERS OF THE CONNECTICUT NATIONAL GUARD.**

I believe this bill to be important due to our current economic situation and nature of some college programs. I used the Connecticut National Guard tuition waiver for some of my education. The registered nurse programs have required summer semesters that must be passed to advance in the program. I paid for those myself at the time, however there were more jobs available for American citizens seeking employment. I think it is very noble that our country and state is dedicated to supporting refugees, I hope that you can show an equal level of support to these members of the military.

**Secondly I support S.B. No. 932 (RAISED) AN ACT EXCLUDING VETERANS' DISABILITY COMPENSATION FROM PROPERTY ASSIGNMENT AND ALIMONY IN DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE PROCEEDINGS.**

I support this bill. I believe every disabled veteran should remain exclusively entitled to their disability compensation.

**Lastly I support S.B. No. 1034 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

I sincerely thank-you for adding the words "she" and "her" in the state statutes.

Thank-you for all your hard work, dedication to the citizens of Connecticut, and my opportunity to participate in the legislative process.

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