



February, 24, 2014

The Honorable Carlo Leone
The Honorable Jack Hennessy
Co-Chairs
Veterans' Affairs Committee
Room 509A, Capitol
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Senator Leone and Representative Hennessy:

On behalf of the Connecticut Heroes Project, I write to express my support of SB-0212, An Act Concerning Implementation of the Recommendations of the Military Occupational Specialty Task Force.

Our organization stands behind our veterans, our military spouses, and Connecticut. We believe this bill is an important and vital measure toward reducing veterans' and military spouses' chronic underemployment in Connecticut. These veterans and spouses bring stellar technical training and education with them to our state, and this bill will help to harness that prior experience to strengthen Connecticut's economy. We also support the bill as a measure that demonstrates our state's commitment to those that have already committed themselves to public service.

Moreover, this bill represents an important component of our strategic plan to end veteran homelessness by 2015, and will be critical in our efforts to get veterans back to work.

We are grateful to the Veterans' Affairs Committee for proposing the bill and raising awareness of the particular barriers to employment and education that continue to face veterans and military spouses. We urge the committee and legislature to vote in favor of SB-0212.

Sincerely,

Gabriel Zucker
Associate Director, CT Heroes Project