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Senator Flexer, Representative Hennessy and Members of the Committee on Veteran's Affairs;

As Past President and current Legislative Committee member of the Connecticut Psychological Association I am herein testifying **in support** of the following bills:

SB 694 **An Act Concerning Services Available to Veterans on State College and University Campuses**

RB 903 **An Act Concerning Veterans' Affairs**

HB 6391 **An Act Increasing Mental Health Services for Veterans and Members of the Armed Forces**

RB 6778 **An Act Concerning Veterans**

All of these bills will benefit the veterans of Connecticut. Raised Bill 903 makes some technical changes to some veteran's affairs statutes; HB 6391 will assist veterans and active duty soldiers in their transition to civilian life. Both SB 694 and RB 6778 are also essential stepping-stones toward providing for smooth transitions; the latter will provide for a study regarding hardships that veterans in Connecticut are facing, and the former will help veteran college students to avoid difficulties in their transition from serviceperson to student. These are all worthy endeavors that will benefit the veterans of our state.

On behalf of the Connecticut Psychological Association, I urge your support of SB 694, RB 903, HB 6391, and RB 6778.

Sincerely,

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