

Statement for the Record by the Military Women's Coalition Before the House Committee on Veterans Affairs Hearing 23 July 2020

Thank you, Chairman Takano and Ranking Member Roe, for the opportunity to submit a statement for the record on legislation that is being considered by this committee on July 23, 2020.

The Military Women's Coalition has polled our members to get their position on the legislation that will be discussed at the upcoming hearing. Generally, the MWC supports all of the legislation under consideration. However, we are concerned that many of the items being considered will require funding and/or personnel to execute and may be harder to get passed. Therefore, we would like this committee to consider some sort of prioritized ranking of this legislation so that the items of most interest to the coalition are adopted over legislation that may be costly and is not as high of a priority to our members. The degree of support for each bill is listed below.

H.R. 6039 - Support

H.R. 6082 - Strongly Support

H.R. 4908 - Support

H.R. 2791 - Support

H.R. 4526 - Support

H.R. 3582 - Strongly Support

H.R. 96 - Strongly Support

H.R. 4281 - Support

H.R. 3010 - Strongly Support

H.R. 7163 - Strongly Support

H.R. 711 - Support

H.R. 2435 - Support

H.R. 7287 - Support

H.R. 3228 - Support

H.R. 6141 - Strongly Support

Discussion Draft - Benefits and Transparency - Support

Discussion Draft - USERRA Protections for State Active Duty - Support

Discussion Draft - Home loan benefits for national guard - Support

Discussion Draft - Burial benefits for national guard - Support

Discussion Draft - Justice for Servicemembers - no document outlining this legislation was provided for review

This statement is submitted on behalf of the Military Women's Coalition by Paige Jenkins, Chair of the Military Women's Coalition. For questions please email MWC@servicewomen.org or call 202-798-5570.

Sincerely,

Paige Jenkins Steering Committee Chair Military Women's Coalition



The Military Women's Coalition

Standing United!

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Northeast Florida Women Veterans

Protect Our Defenders

Pink Berets

Red Feather Ranch

ReInVentU

San Diego Women Veterans Network

Service Women's Action Network

Service: Women Who Serve

Veteran Women Enterprise Center WINC: For All Women Veterans

Women in Military Service For America Memorial, Inc

Women Veterans of West Texas

Women Veterans Alliance

Women Veterans Social Justice Network

The MWC is a national coalition of formal and informal organizations who work collaboratively to serve and support US active duty, Guard, reserve, Veteran and retired service women by uniting and elevating their voices to influence policy and improve their well-being. Our vision is that someday military women are fully integrated, equally respected and equally supported members of the military and veteran community and their contributions are recognized as essential to national defense. Currently, there are 19 organizations in the Coalition representing 1.6 million members from across in the nation.