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**Statement for the Record**  
**Congressman Joseph D. Morelle**  
**HR 2148, the Veteran Caregiver Reeducation, Reemployment, and Retirement Act**  
**House Committee on Veterans' Affairs – Subcommittee on Health**

Chairwoman Miller-Meeks, Ranking Member Brownley, thank you for the opportunity to submit this statement for the record in support of H.R. 2148, the *Veteran Caregiver Reeducation, Reemployment, and Retirement Act*. I also want to express my deep appreciation to my colleague and co-lead, Representative Juan Ciscomani, for his partnership on this vital bipartisan legislation.

Every day, thousands of family caregivers across the country make extraordinary sacrifices to care for our nation's veterans. They put their careers on hold, deplete savings, and forgo personal goals to ensure their loved ones receive the care and dignity they deserve. When those caregiving duties come to an end—whether through recovery, transition to other care, or the passing of a veteran—these caregivers are often left to navigate a difficult and uncertain path forward, without the tools or support they need to rebuild their lives.

H.R. 2148 seeks to change that. This legislation would require the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide family caregivers with practical and meaningful support as they transition into the next chapter of their lives. This includes employment assistance, retirement planning, bereavement counseling, and reimbursement for professional certification or re-licensure fees. It would also require VA to study the barriers caregivers face when reentering the workforce, grant access to existing employment services, and evaluate the feasibility of establishing a retirement savings mechanism tailored to their unique circumstances.

These are not luxuries—they are long overdue acknowledgments of the economic and emotional toll that caregiving can take. This legislation will empower caregivers to regain their footing and reclaim their futures. It is a step toward honoring the quiet service they provide behind the scenes and recognizing that their well-being is essential to our broader commitment to veterans and their families.

Finally, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to the many caregivers across America whose strength and selflessness make this bill necessary. Your stories, your sacrifices, and your advocacy have shaped this legislation. It is my hope that H.R. 2148 is just the beginning of a broader national effort to support you in the same way you have supported our veterans.

Thank you.