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The Honorable Mike Bost  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Bost:

Wounded Warrior Project (WWP) is committed to advocating for the needs and challenges most present in the lives of our nation’s post-9/11 wounded, ill, and injured veterans. In doing so we have experienced firsthand when those we serve sadly leave behind family members after they pass. In instances where the veteran paid into the Service-Disabled Veterans Life Insurance (S-DVI) program, these families rely on a life insurance payment of only \$10,000. We believe this program should be modernized to more realistically meet warriors’ needs, and it is within that context that I write to express our support for H.R. 6013, the *Veteran Families Financial Support Act*.

While \$10,000 was appropriate amount when the program was established in 1951, this amount has remained unchanged for over 65 years. In 1951, \$10,000 was enough to cover burials and other end of life costs. Today, that amount is insufficient. This legislation would revamp the S-DVI program to allow a payment of \$40,000.

When a veteran passes away, these payments ensure that their family is financially supported and able to avoid possible financial instability while dealing with the loss of a loved one. Additionally, it can be difficult for service-disabled veterans to purchase other life insurance plans, and the S-DVI program is often the only life insurance option available to them. For these reasons, Wounded Warrior Project believes it is imperative that we bolster this critical benefit, and fully supports H.R. 6013, the *Veteran Families Financial Support Act*.

I want to thank you for your time and for your continued service to those who have served in our nation’s Armed Forces.

Sincerely,

Jose Ramos  
Vice President  
for Government and Community Relations

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