

March 10, 2020

The Honorable Mike Bost United States House of Representatives 1440 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Bost:

On behalf of the men and women of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) and its Auxiliary, I am proud to offer our support for H.R. 6013, Veteran Families Financial Support Act, which would modernize the Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance (S-DVI) program.

The maximum statutory coverage of S-DVI has remained unchanged since 1958. Currently, S-DVI insures eligible veterans for up to \$10,000 of coverage. This sum is insufficient to cover the rising cost of end-of-life expenses.

Service-disabled veterans are frequently unable to obtain private life insurance due to their disabilities. Since a veteran may apply for S-DVI only within two years of receiving notification of a new service-connected disability, many service-disabled veterans who elect not to obtain S-DVI find themselves uninsurable once their eligibility period has expired. Your legislation would increase the maximum coverage amount to \$40,000, and expand eligibility beyond the current two-year window.

The VFW looks forward to working with you and your staff to ensure the passage of this important legislation. Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Carlos U. Fuentes, Director

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