



RETURNING VETERANS of A M E R I C A

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Concerned U.S. Senators
U.S. Capitol
United States Senate

Re: NPRM Docket ID-2010-OPE-0012

To members of the U.S. Senate:

We, the undersigned citizens and members of Returning Veterans of America, care for quality education among all students in the United States, especially those who serve. Yet, as noted by the past several months of reported unethical recruitment practices by the for-profit school industry, current policy has allowed large private gains to dominate a significant portion of the higher education community. This, as you know, includes several thousand active and returning veterans with losses totaling nearly \$640 million dollars in Post 9/11 GI Bill entitlements.

The Gainful Employment Rule referenced above will strengthen Postsecondary education and provide a safe path for the middle class, and veterans, to access increased earning potential and greater health. This measure will also enrich our country as a whole by training a more skilled workforce and creating a stronger civil society.

While it's true that a request made for increased protections by the men and women best trained to defend against those looking to do them harm appears, at first, ironic--we are reminded of this necessity as we look to the challenges veterans can face when coming home, and the difficulties of transitioning back into our communities, and the world, effectively.

This request asks that in the process of coming home, looking toward the most effective and meaningful ways to use our education benefits and continue the tradition of enriching America — that we be guided fairly and with trust. Trust that the knowledge we have to give the world is understood as part of the larger American tradition — and held as critical to later years as our nation looks to those who understand what it means to serve, lead, work hard, and make responsible decisions in times of crisis.

The proposed Gainful Employment Rule in NPRM Docket ID-2010-OPE-0012 is a significant step in the right direction and is a strong beginning to helping our most prized citizens become educated, and fulfill their promise to America. This bill helps all students not only have increased options for obtaining education, but more meaningful ones.

With plenty of interests undoubtedly at stake, jockeying to provide the highest incentive for the vote, please remember the origin of your decision-making power and the duty you're called upon to perform.

Returning Veterans of America and our supporters ask that you stand with us on this measure, vote yes, and help provide millions of American citizens, and those who protect them, with the kind of education we expect from our institutions.

Respectfully,

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and many others who have read and support the content of this letter: signatures can be found at www.returningvet.org