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Honorable Tim Kaine United States Senate Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Kaine:

On behalf of George Mason University, I am writing to express our strong support for your bill, S. 700, the Troop Talent Act of 2013. We agree that the unemployment rate among former service members is too high and more must be done to facilitate their re-entry into the workforce.

During the course of their service to this nation, many members of the military have acquired important skills that are valuable in the workplace. But, they may not know how to turn these skills into a license or certification necessary for employment. By establishing a process for members of the military to obtain more information about the path to earning a civilian credential to match their military occupational specialty training, your bill will help service members improve their opportunities for employment.

Mason has a strong record of educating and training current and former members of the military for entry into the workforce. We believe that your bill will help these service members make more informed choices about available Continuing and Professional Education certificate and training programs. We also welcome the legislation's efforts to curb fraud and maintain program quality.

Please let us know how we can assist you. We look forward to working with you on this matter

Sincerely,

Angel Cabrera

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