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The undersigned organizations wish to thank you and your colleagues for including funding within the FY 2020 Department of Labor Veterans Employment and Training Service (VETS) budget to establish a Disabled Veteran Program (DVP) “to address the high unemployment and low labor force participation rate of veterans with service-connected and non-service-connected disabilities. The DVP will help increase employment and advancement opportunities for veterans with disabilities by working with federal, state, and private partners to promote the hiring of veterans with disabilities, improve coordination of available employment services and supports, and to identify and share employment best practices for hiring, retaining, and advancing veterans with disabilities in the workforce.”

While very modest in amount, the $300,000 appropriated will ensure that veterans with significant disabilities will have an advocate within VETS to monitor and highlight their employment struggles, actively promote job opportunities for veterans with disabilities and coordinate and press for federal data, research, and services aimed at addressing their ongoing challenges. We are grateful to you for recognizing the importance of this initiative and leaving no veteran behind.

Sincerely,

ACCSES
Air Force Sergeants Association
American Music Therapy Association
American Therapeutic Recreation Association
AMVETS
Blinded Veterans Association
Easterseals
Military Order of the Purple Heart
National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities
National Disability Rights Network
National Military Family Association
Paralyzed Veterans of America
The Retired Enlisted Association
Veterans Education Success
VetsFirst
Vietnam Veterans of America
Wounded Warrior Project