October 4, 2022

Senator Tom Carper  
513 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510


Dear Senator Carper,

The undersigned organizations serving service members, veterans, and their families and survivors are pleased to offer our strong support of your proposed amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act requiring the Voluntary Education Institutional Compliance Program of the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) to develop a risk-based survey for oversight of covered educational institutions.

This amendment would take the common sense step of applying limited oversight and compliance resources at DoD as efficiently and effectively as possible, while seeking to ensure education programs offered to service members are of the quality they expect when using valuable education benefits. The risk-based approach to oversight of covered institutions is already a requirement of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) education benefits programs as mandated in the bipartisan Isakson and Roe Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act. It is only rational that DoD should similarly heed red flags in overseeing colleges.

We applaud you for championing this amendment in the U.S. Senate, as education benefits are an important part of the broader American national security apparatus. A more educated force can have great long-term implications on the safety and security of our nation, and we strongly support your amendment.

Sincerely,

American G.I. Forum  
Black Veterans Empowerment Council  
Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America  
Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A.  
Service Women's Action Network  
Swords to Plowshares  
The American Legion  
Tragedy Assistance Program For Survivors  
Veterans Education Success  
Vietnam Veterans of America