

June 20, 2023

Secretary Miguel Cardona  
U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Ave. SW  
Washington, DC 20202

RE: Docket ID ED-2023-OPE-0089

Dear Mr. Secretary,

The undersigned organizations representing servicemembers, veterans, military families, and survivors are pleased to submit comments in support of the Department of Education's May 19, 2023, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in the *Federal Register*. We write to commend the Department for proposing regulations that will significantly improve educational outcomes for veterans and military-connected students when they go into effect.

The constituency we represent and the educational programs administered by the Departments of Defense (DOD) and Veterans Affairs (VA) are significantly affected by the quality assurance and program integrity safeguards devised by the Department of Education. By improving higher education requirements in federal student aid, the Department is protecting not only its own programs, but also DOD and VA educational benefits on which student veterans and military-connected students rely.

We thank you and your staff for the diligence in the proposed regulations, and for looking out for students within our community.

Sincerely,

American GI Forum  
Black Veterans Project  
Blue Star Families  
Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers  
Association and Enlisted Association  
Combined Arms  
Commissioned Officers Association of the  
US Public Health Service  
Exceptional Families of the Military  
Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America  
Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.  
Military Child Education Coalition  
National Military Family Association

PsychArmor  
Service to School  
Service Women's Action Network  
Swords to Plowshares  
Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors  
Travis Manion Foundation  
University of San Diego School of Law,  
Veterans Legal Clinic  
Veterans Education Success  
Veterans for Common Sense  
VETSxHBCU  
Vietnam Veterans of America  
Wounded Paw Project