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The Honorable Jeff Miller
Chairman, House Veterans' Affairs Committee
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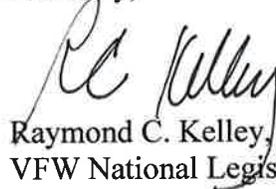
Dear Chairman Miller:

On behalf of the men and women of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) and our Auxiliaries, we are pleased to offer our support for H.R. 3016, the "*Veterans Employment, Education, and Healthcare Improvement Act*".

This comprehensive, bipartisan legislation contains numerous provisions that expand, improve, and streamline veterans' health care and benefits, consistent with many of the VFW's priority goals. Important new authorities include improving access to postnatal care for woman veterans, expanding eligibility for the Yellow Ribbon Program to Fry Scholarship recipients, counting time on active duty receiving medical care towards Post-9/11 GI Bill eligibility, reauthorizing the VA work-study program, and eliminating the cap on VA home loan guarantees. This bill would also create greater efficiency and accountability in VA programs with provisions that include elevating the Office of Economic Opportunity to its own Administration, strengthening authorities for State Approving Agencies, improving the Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Program, and eliminating the loophole that allows entities that contract with public schools to charge taxpayers exorbitant sums of money under the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

The VFW commends you and the entire House Veterans' Affairs Committee for your leadership on these issues and continued bipartisan efforts to bring about meaningful VA reforms. We look forward to working with you to ensure the passage of this important legislation.

Sincerely,



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