



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF VETERANS PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS

The Honorable Jerry Moran
Chairman, Senate Veterans
Affairs Committee
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jon Tester
Ranking Member, Senate Veterans
Affairs Committee
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mark Takano
Chairman, House Veterans
Affairs Committee
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Phil Roe
Ranking Member, House Veterans
Affairs Committee
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Impact of COVID-19 Course Changes on VA Education Benefits

Dear Chairmen Moran and Takano, and Ranking Members Tester and Roe,

The National Association of Veterans' Program Administrators (NAVPA) is an organization of institutions and individuals who are involved or interested in the operation of veterans' affairs programs and/or the delivery of services to veterans as Veterans' Education Program Administrators across the country. NAVPA's membership now includes 344 Institutions of Higher Learning across 47 states that represent 431,032 student veterans.

With the increasing amount of higher education institutions across the country responding to the present pandemic of COVID-19, NAVPA is concerned how current regulations affect GI Bill® recipients as schools are taking necessary precautionary actions and responding with preventive measures.

It was announced by the VA yesterday and again this morning that these actions could have a negative impact on students using their GI Bill® benefits.

NAVPA is concerned this issue will negatively impact and place an undue financial hardship on student veterans across the nation. Existing regulations could result in greatly constraining a student's use of the benefit.

NAVPA fully supports H.R.6194 & S.3450 introduced recently to grant the Secretary of the VA immediate access to address these disparities and is asking for your support to pass this vital legislation to help our nation's veterans.

Thank you.

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