

January 30th, 2018

The Honorable Bob Goodlatte  
Chairman  
Judiciary Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Jerrold Nadler  
Ranking Member  
Judiciary Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Jim Sensenbrenner  
Chairman  
Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security  
& Investigations Subcommittee  
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Sheila Jackson Lee  
Ranking Member  
Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security  
& Investigations Subcommittee  
U.S. House of Representatives

Dear Representatives Goodlatte, Nadler, Sensenbrenner and Jackson Lee,

The National Military and Veterans Alliance, a non-partisan group comprised of the undersigned military and veteran service organizations, writes to ask for your cooperation in advancing H.R. 4345: The Veteran Treatment Court Coordination Act out of your respective committees and to the House floor for a vote. Our member organizations all recognize the important contributions that this legislation will make to the veteran community and we have offered our support and assistance in advancing Congressman Crist's and Denham's bill.

The VTC Coordination Act will, "establish a point of contact at the Department of Justice to provide federal technical assistance to existing veteran treatment courts and areas trying to start them. Specifically, it tasks the Department of Justice to work with the VA to establish a program to provide grants, training, and technical assistance to help state, local, and tribal governments to develop and maintain veteran treatment courts."

This legislation will provide a veteran charged with a non-violent crime attributed to their military service the opportunity to receive court-supervised, comprehensive treatment. This will allow veterans to avoid jail time, receive the treatment they need, and have their records expunged upon completing the requirements of a program of treatment facilitated by the VA and supervised by a VTC.

The National Military and Veterans Alliance thanks you for your support of America's veterans. The undersigned organizations strongly support H.R. 4345 and ask that your committee advance it without delay.

Sincerely,



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## **National Military and Veterans Alliance Member Organizations Supporting Your Legislation**

American Logistics Association  
American Military Retirees Association  
American Military Society  
Army and Navy Union of the USA  
American Retiree Association  
AMVETS  
Association of the United States Navy  
Military Order of Foreign Wars  
Military Order of the Purple Heart  
Military Order of World Wars  
Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors  
The Flag and General Officers Network  
The Independence Fund  
The Retired Enlisted Association  
Society of Military Widows  
Vietnam Veterans of America

cc:

Representatives Crist and Denham