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Chairwoman Susan A. Davis
Subcommittee on Military Personnel
1526 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Davis:

I write on behalf of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities representing more than 450 presidents and chancellors of public four-year institutions of higher education to comment on the Veterans Education Tuition Support Act (H.R. 2910).

AASCU strongly supports the importance of institutions of higher education to assist service personnel returning from redeployment to continue their postsecondary education.

H.R. 2910 would provide relief for students who discontinue postsecondary education because of military service. AASCU has a long history of urging colleges and universities to provide full refund of tuition and other institutional charges and encouraging flexible re-enrollment options for affected students. We support the goal of provisions of this legislation, specifically regarding refund of tuition of fees for service members called to military service, and re-enrollment of service personnel called to military service.

We offer our assistance in working with you as this important bill moves forward in an effort to provide well-deserved benefits for those service members who seek to reenter and resume their academic pursuits in our institutions of higher education.

Sincerely,

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