



February 22, 2021

The Honorable Tim Ryan
1126 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Steven Pallazo
2349 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representatives Ryan and Pallazo:

The Military Coalition (TMC), a consortium of uniformed services and veteran's associations representing more than 5.5 million current and former servicemembers, military retirees, survivors, and their families, thank you and the committees for your support of our Uniformed Services. We support The Reserve Employers Comprehensive Relief and Uniform Incentives on Taxes (RECRUIT) Act of 2021.

We cannot afford to overlook the decades since 9/11 that employers have been impacted by deployments. While many believe that operations tempo for the National Guard and Reserve have declined, in the last year Reserve Component members have served for extended periods in support of COVID-19 and natural disasters during the west coast fire season and the hurricane season.

Our Reserve Component servicemembers and their families have also supported overseas deployments. For example, two Ohio National Guard aviation regiments deployed to CENTCOM for a year-long deployment. The Mississippi National Guard had more than 80 members just return from a year-long deployment to Kuwait in September 2020.

The attached list of Coalition organizations supports this very affordable employer tax credit that will encourage employers to hire and retain employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve.

Sincerely,

Jack Du Teil
President
The Military Coalition

Air Force Sergeants Association
Association of the United States Army
AMSUS, the Society of Federal Health Professionals
Chief Warrant Officers Association, U.S. Coast Guard
Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service
Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the U.S.
Fleet Reserve Association
Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America
Jewish War Veterans of the USA
Marine Corps Association
Marine Corps League
Marine Corps Reserve Association
Military Officer Association of America
National Military Family Association
Naval Enlisted Reserve Association
Non Commissioned Officers Association of the USA
Reserve Organization of America
Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors
The Enlisted Association
U.S. Army Warrant Officers Association
U.S. Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Association
VetsFirst, United Spinal Association