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Richard L. Denoyer  
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Dear Mr. Denoyer:

I am writing to thank you for the assistance of the Veterans of Foreign Wars with the preparation for the Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight's hearing entitled, "Veterans Employment and Government Contractors." Veterans of Foreign Wars officials Ryan Gallucci and Daniel Elkins provided insightful analysis to the Subcommittee regarding the challenges currently facing veterans as they seek employment opportunities after concluding military service.

As part of the Subcommittee's ongoing oversight of veterans employment, I am also seeking your continued assistance. I invite you to provide official comments on the topics discussed at the hearing, including what the Veterans of Foreign Wars sees as the greatest challenges facing our veterans as they seek employment. I would also appreciate your input regarding the following questions:

- (1) What changes (if any) should be made to the Transition Assistance Program (TAP) to match veterans with resources?
- (2) Does Veterans of Foreign Wars have suggestions on how to address the disproportionate unemployment experienced by members of the National Guard and Reserve?
- (3) Would moving the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Veterans' Employment and Training (VETS) from the Department of Labor to the Department of Veterans Affairs better serve veterans seeking employment assistance?
- (4) Should the federal government continue to collect the data for the VETS-100 and VETS-100A forms?
- (5) What changes (if any) should be made to the VETS-100 and VETS-100A forms to ensure that the most relevant and helpful data is captured?

I would also welcome your input on any other matter that would inform the discussion of issues related to veterans employment.

The jurisdiction of the Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight is set forth in Senate Rule XXV clause 1(k); Senate Resolution 445 section 101 (108<sup>th</sup> Congress); and Senate Resolution 73 (111<sup>th</sup> Congress).

Please contact Sarah Garcia at (202) 224-1014 with any questions. Please send any official correspondence relating to this request to [Kelsey\\_Stroud@hsgac.senate.gov](mailto:Kelsey_Stroud@hsgac.senate.gov).

Sincerely,



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