



**VADM Norbert R. Ryan, Jr. USN (Ret)**  
*President*

June 6, 2012

The Honorable Jeff Denham  
Longworth House Office Building  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington DC 20515

Dear Representative Denham:

On behalf of the more than 370,000 members of The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), I am writing to thank you for your leadership in sponsoring your bi-partisan bill, the "Veteran Skills to Jobs Act."

H.R. 4155 would direct the head of each federal department and agency to treat relevant military training as sufficient to satisfy training or certification requirements for federal license, and get veterans back to work.

MOAA offers a range of services to separating and retiring officers to help them make the challenging transition from military service to the market place. We have long maintained that employers including the Federal government should take full advantage of the talent, dedication and unique skills and experience of our warriors.

Military training in our Armed Forces is unmatched, qualifying our service women and men to carry out their challenging duties in austere environments around the world.

The Defense Department is working with other Federal Agencies to advance objectives similar to your bill. We applaud that effort as well and believe that supporting legislation will facilitate the reintegration of our veterans, reduce their unemployment and benefit the Federal workforce.

Your bill is an important step in ensuring our veterans with the requisite training and experience in designated skills are deemed qualified for specific Federal occupational specialties.

MOAA supports the Veteran Skills to Jobs Act and we pledge our full support for its enactment this year.

Sincerely,

*Best Regards,*  
*Nor Ryan*