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The Honorable Jeff Denham  
1605 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Congressman Denham,

On behalf of the more than 2 million members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) and our Auxiliaries we are pleased to offer our support for H.R. 4155. This bill would allow military training to satisfy the training or certification requirements for a federal license.

With veterans' unemployment at unacceptable levels, everything must be done to remedy the situation. One of the quickest and easiest ways to do so is to streamline the process for licensing veterans at the federal level. Currently, those hoping for a federal license must receive the training and certification necessary by law. This, however, is ignoring the fact that this training has likely already been completed during their time in the military.

Requiring that veterans be retrained and certified at the federal level is unacceptable and disrespectful to their training from the military. Often times, military training is substantially equivalent to the training they would be required to have for a federal license. This bill would streamline veterans to licensing and would be one step towards lowering unemployment.

Thank you for your support of our armed forces and veterans. We appreciate your efforts in improving the lives of our servicemen and women who continually sacrifice so much for our nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ray C. Kelley".

Raymond C. Kelley, Director  
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