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The Honorable Jeff Denham  
United States House of Representatives  
1605 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Denham:

On behalf of the 2.4 million members of The American Legion, I would like to express support for the "Veteran Skills to Jobs Act," which provides for federal certification of veterans who have been qualified for licensure through relevant military training.

With an anemic economy and a downsizing military, it is essential that veterans be assisted in securing civilian employment upon separation from the military. Without these types of opportunities, separating military personnel will continue to add to the staggering unemployment rate in our nation. Federal certification and licensure of veterans who have received relevant training will assist in the process of ensuring that veterans are able to smoothly and quickly transition between military and civilian employment. Matching qualified veterans with federal licenses which require their expertise is good for veterans, good for the economy and good for the country.

Again, The American Legion fully supports enacting the "Veteran Skills to Jobs Act," and applauds your leadership in addressing this critical issue facing our nation's veterans and their families.

Respectfully,

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