

January 10th, 2018

Representative Charlie Crist
U.S. House of Representatives
427 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC. 20515

Representative Jeff Denham
U.S House of Representatives
1730 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC. 201515

Dear Representatives Crist and Denham,

The National Military and Veterans Alliance, a non-partisan group comprised of the undersigned military and veteran service organizations, writes to thank you for introducing H.R. 4345: The Veteran Treatment Court Coordination Act. Our member organizations all recognize the important contributions that your legislation will make to the veteran community and we would like to offer our support and assistance in order to advance your bill.

It is our understanding that the VTC Coordination Act will, “establish a point of contact at the Department of Justice to provide federal technical assistance to existing veteran treatment courts and areas trying to start them. Specifically, it tasks the Department of Justice to work with the VA to establish a program to provide grants, training, and technical assistance to help state, local, and tribal governments to develop and maintain veteran treatment courts.”

Your legislation will provide a veteran charged with a non-violent crime attributed to their military service the opportunity to receive court-supervised, comprehensive treatment. This will allow veterans to avoid jail time, receive the treatment they need, and have their records expunged upon completing the requirements of a program of treatment facilitated by the VA and supervised by a VTC.

Please accept this letter of support on behalf of the National Military and Veterans Alliance. We thank you for your leadership and your support of America’s veterans and we look forward to assisting you in your efforts to advance this bill.

Sincerely,



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