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April 4, 2019

The Honorable Sherrod Brown 311 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510 The Honorable Julia Brownley Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Brown and Representative Brownley,

On behalf of The Military Coalition (TMC), a consortium of uniformed services and veterans associations representing 5.5 million current and former service members, their families and survivors we write offering our strong endorsement for your CHAMPVA Children's Care Protection Act of 2019. We are grateful for your leadership in championing this long overdue measure.

By expanding the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA), children of eligible veterans, family members, and survivors will be able to keep their health care coverage until age 26. TMC has remained a strong proponent of this legislation since the passage of the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA). It is time to pass this important piece of legislation—doing so will align eligibility with private-sector and the Department of Defense TRICARE insurance plans to conform to the requirements of the ACA.

TMC is committed to ensuring children of those veterans who have been rated permanently and totally disabled, have died from service-connected disabilities or in the line of duty, or were totally disabled from a service-connected disease at the time of death have the same opportunity to access health care. Your sponsorship of this legislation gives veterans and their children a great deal of encouragement that they have not been forgotten.

The Coalition thanks you for sponsoring this legislation and for being staunch supporters of veterans and their families. We look forward to joining you in making CHAMPVA Children's Care Protection Act the law of the land.

Sincerely,

The Military Coalition (Signatures enclosed)

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Aviation Association of America

AMSUS, the Society of Federal Health Professionals

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