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On behalf of the more than 100,000 members of the Association of the United States Army, I write to offer strong support for H.R. 4320, The Post 9/11 Education Fairness Act. H.R. 4320 would expand the definition of higher learning under the Post 9/11 GI Bill to include: apprenticeship or other on-the-job training; training at non-college-degree institutions; correspondence training; courses to receive financial assistance from the Small Business Administration; and flight training.

AUSA has long endorsed a Post 9/11 GI Bill that is built on the principles of simplicity, equity, and adequate reimbursement of the cost of education and training. Improving the Post 9/11 GI Bill ultimately will help tens of thousands of veterans and ensure the effective accomplishment of readjustment, recruiting, and career retention outcomes as Congress intended for modern GI Bill programs.

H.R. 4320 would address the fact that post-9/11 veterans should be free to pursue any program of education or training whether degree or non-degree producing – a policy that extends back to World War II. Further, during this time of high unemployment, programs that prepare veterans to return to the workforce as the economy improves are especially worthwhile. We look forward to working with you to secure passage of this critical fix to the Post 9/11 GI Bill.

Sincerely,

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