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The Honorable David P. Roe
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Dear Congressman Roe,

On behalf of the American Chemical Society (ACS), I write to offer our support for the science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) provisions in the Harry W. Colmery Educational Assistance Act of 2017. The Society was encouraged to see the bipartisan and bicameral support for the men and women who serve our country and the opportunity this legislation provides for our Veterans to pursue degrees in STEM fields.

America's veterans return home with a great degree of technical and other critical job-related skills, especially given the increasingly technological nature of modern warfare. Our Veterans offer the nation a diverse and pre-qualified pool of scientific talent. They have strong cognitive aptitudes, experience with technical systems, ability to solve complex problems, as well as proven teamwork and leadership skills. These qualities make them not only exceptional servicemen and women, but have the potential to make them exceptional scientists.

The ACS strongly supports legislation that nurtures students of all backgrounds and encourages them to further their studies in careers for the STEM fields. The ACS would like to thank the Congress for their support of this critical issue and to our Veterans for the great service they provide to our nation.

We look forward to continuing to work with your office to increase participation in the STEM fields and if we be of any assistance, please contact Lauren Posey in the office of External Affairs and Communications at l_posey@acs.org.

Sincerely,



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