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The Honorable Brian Schatz  
United States Senate  
722 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Schatz:

On behalf of the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC), I write to convey our support for the “Veterans Educational Assistance Transparency and Accountability Improvement Act of 2021.” This legislation provides critical protections for Veterans against waste, fraud, and abuse at the hands of predatory colleges.

Founded in 1937, NACAC is an organization of more than 23,000 professionals from around the world dedicated to serving students as they make choices about pursuing postsecondary education, including school counselors, college admission officers, and others who advise students on making the transition to college. NACAC is committed to maintaining high standards that foster ethical and social responsibility among those involved in the transition process.

NACAC members have been concerned about the detrimental effects of predatory marketing and recruitment for decades. As a result of perverse incentives in federal law, predatory colleges have maintained a particular focus on recruiting Veterans, often with disastrous results. One critical factor in protecting students from fraud and abuse is transparency, and this legislation would make significant improvements in the information available to Veterans seeking to enroll in postsecondary institutions.

We are pleased to provide our support for this important legislation. Please contact me at [dhawkins@nacacnet.org](mailto:dhawkins@nacacnet.org) if you would like more information or assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Hawkins", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

David Hawkins  
Chief Education and Policy Officer

cc: Senator Mike Rounds  
Senator Rob Portman  
Hawaii Association for College Admission Counseling