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The Honorable Joe Courtney
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Courtney:

Thank you for your letter dated June 24, 2019, concerning Department of Defense Instruction 1341.13, "Post-9/11 GI Bill," and changes to Department policy concerning the transfer of educational benefits pursuant to section 3319 of title 38, United States Code.

Recently, the Department extended the implementation period from 12 to 18 months. The provisions of the regulation concerning eligibility to transfer education benefits will be effective January 12, 2020.

Thank you for your support and concern for the men and women of the Armed Forces and their families. A similar letter is being sent to the co-signers of your letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James N. Stewart", is positioned above the typed name.

James N. Stewart
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