



September 14, 2020

Senator Dianne Feinstein
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Senator Kamala Harris
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Request for Support— H.R. 2326 Navy SEAL Chief Petty Officer William Bill Mulder (Ret.) Transition Improvement Act of 2019

Dear Senators Feinstein and Harris,

On behalf of the North San Diego Business Chamber I am writing in support of H.R. 2326.

The North San Diego Business Chamber (NSDBC) serves as a recognized and respected advisor, partner, and advocate for the military, their families, and veterans across San Diego County. The NSDBC works closely with business leaders and elected officials on legislation and issues that impact the military community in San Diego and California as a whole.

San Diego County is home to one of the nation's largest concentration of military and veterans. As of 2018, an estimated 243,000 veterans called San Diego County their home. The need for adequate services and support is critical, especially as the veteran population continues to grow. Each year, an average of approximately 7,000 active duty service members make the decision to settle in San Diego after transitioning from service.

The Transition Assistance Program is vital to the well-being of veterans as they ease back into civilian life. It provides information, tools, and training to help over 200,000 service members transition to civilian life each year. If enacted, this bill would ensure that the program remains effective, requiring the Department of Veterans Affairs, in coordination with the Department of Defense and other federal agencies, to continually conduct an independent assessment and a longitudinal study on the effectiveness of the changes made to the program.

Additionally, H.R. 2326 would provide important funding to help address the growing needs of veterans in San Diego County and around the country.

For these reasons, we support the H.R. 2326. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Debra Rosen
President & CEO