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The Honorable John Boozman
United States Senate
320 Hart Senate Office Building
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Re: S. 743: Honor America's Guard-Reserve Retirees Act of 2015

Dear Senator Boozman,

The National Military and Veterans Alliance, a non-partisan policy and advocacy organization composed of military and veteran service organizations, writes to thank you for your leadership regarding National Guard and Reserve veterans' status and for introducing legislation that would honor members of the National Guard and/or Reserve components who meet the qualifications for retirement to be designated as "veterans" under Title 38, United States Code.

We understand that members of the Reserves or National Guard may serve their entire careers and, through no fault of their own, never be activated under Title 10 for other than training purposes. These service men and women stand ready to perform any duty required of them yet, due to the needs of their units or the branches they serve in, are never mobilized to serve on active duty. These Reserve and National Guardsmen and women serve honorably and fulfill the duties and responsibilities required of them over the course of 20 or more years of service. However, under current law, they are not considered to be veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States.

The National Military and Veterans Alliance fully supports your effort to honor these servicemen and women. The distinction of being considered veterans under the law is an honor that these service members have earned and we believe that this action will boost the morale of both the service member and the families that support them.

We salute your efforts and leadership in addressing this important issue and we would like you to know that you have our continued thanks. Please feel free to contact us regarding this and any issue affecting military veterans, retirees and their families.

Sincerely,

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Member Organizations, National Military and Veterans Alliance (NMVA)

American Logistics Association	National Defense Committee
American Military Retirees Association	National Gulf War Resource Center
American Military Society	Reserve Officers Association
American Retirees Association	The Flag and General Officers Network
Army Navy Union	The Naval Enlisted Reserve Association
Association of the United States Navy	The Retired Enlisted Association
Gold Star Wives of America	Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors
Military Order of Foreign Wars	Veterans of Foreign Wars
Military Order of the Purple Heart	Veterans of Modern Warfare
Military Order of the World Wars	