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Sue,

See below the message from Shannon Funari (Welch) about the bill he is co-sponsoring to provide a tax credit to businesses that hire Veterans. He has requested me to be present on Thursday in Rutland. Our estimates is that thousands of VT National Guard members would qualify as veterans and would be eligible to be hired under this provision. This is a good thing for our soldiers and airmen that are looking for employment. I have a meeting with the Governor on Thursday at 1:30pm and will mention this bill as well.

Steve

-----Original Message-----

From: Furnari, Shannon [<mailto:Shannon.Furnari@mail.house.gov>]
Sent: Monday, March 7, 2016 1:48 PM
To: Cray, Steven A Maj Gen USAF NG VTANG (US)
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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Rep. Welch press conference

Hello Gen. Cray,

Thanks for taking my call earlier today, and thank you for agreeing to participate in the Congressman's press conference on Thursday. As discussed, the Congressman would appreciate if you could say a few words about how this could benefit our National Guardsmen and women here in Vermont who might be looking for work. I've included the details on the location and the bill below. A copy of the full bill text is also attached. Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Thursday, March 10th

10:30am

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HR 4660, the Jobs for Veterans Act, is bipartisan legislation which includes the following provisions in order to create a Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC):

- * Creates a \$5,000 nonrefundable tax credit for employers who hire a returning veteran for more than 10 weeks/400 hours of work.
- * Allows the credit to be carried over to subsequent years.
- * Extends the credit through 2019, to encourage employers to hire future returning veterans.
- * Allows the credit to be claimed in addition to existing WOTCs for disabled veterans, so as not to discourage the hiring of disabled veterans.

To meet the veteran definition of this bill, one must have served on federal active duty for a period of more than 180 days (other than active duty for training), or have been discharged or released from active duty for a service-connected disability. All of this must have been after September 11, 2001.

If I can provide any additional information please let me know.

Thank you,

Shannon

Shannon Furnari

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114th CONGRESS
2d Session
H. R. 4660

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an increased work opportunity credit with respect to recent veterans, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 2, 2016

Mr. KING of New York (for himself, Mr. OLSON, Mr. BLUM, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, Mr. WELCH, and Mr. VALADAO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an increased work opportunity credit with respect to recent veterans, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the 'Jobs for Veterans Act of 2016'.

SEC. 2. WORK OPPORTUNITY CREDIT FOR RECENT VETERANS.

(a) Work Opportunity Credit- Section 51 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

`(l) Special Rules for Veterans- For purposes of this subpart--

`(1) IN GENERAL- In the case of an individual who is an applicable veteran who begins work for the employer after December 31, 2015, and before January 1, 2020, the following rules shall apply:

`(A) APPLICABLE VETERAN- Such individual shall be treated as a member of a targeted group.

`(B) INCREASED PERCENTAGE- Subsection (a) shall be applied by substituting '100 percent' for '40 percent'.

`(C) WAGE LIMITATION- Paragraph (3) of subsection (b) shall be applied--

`(i) by substituting `\$5,000' for `\$6,000', and

`(ii) without regard to the parenthetical therein.

`(D) MINIMUM EMPLOYMENT PERIODS- Subparagraph (A) of subsection (i)(3) shall be applied by substituting `0 percent' for `25 percent'.

`(E) DISABLED VETERANS- In the case of such an individual who is a qualified veteran by reason of subsection (d)(3)(A)(ii), the credit determined with respect to such individual under the rules of this subsection shall be in addition to any credit allowable with respect to such individual under this section determined without regard to this subsection.

`(2) APPLICABLE VETERAN- The term `applicable veteran' means any veteran (as defined in subsection (d)(3)(B)) who is certified by the designated local agency as having been discharged or released from active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States after September 11, 2001.

`(3) ELECTION TO HAVE SUBSECTION NOT APPLY- A taxpayer may elect (at such time and in such form and manner as the Secretary shall prescribe) to have this subsection not apply with respect to an individual for any taxable year.'

(b) Effective Date- The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply to individuals who begin work for the employer after December 31, 2015.