



May 31, 2017

Honorable Virginia Foxx  
Chairwoman  
House Education and the Workforce Committee  
2176 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Honorable Robert Scott  
Ranking Member  
House Education and Workforce Committee  
2101 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Foxx and Ranking Member Scott:

AccessLex Institute is pleased to offer its support for H.R. 2679, the *Match Veterans to Student Loan Protections (MVP) Act*, which would authorize a system to identify and notify veterans of their eligibility for a total and permanent disability (TPD) discharge of their federal student loans.

AccessLex Institute, in partnership with its nearly 200 nonprofit and state-affiliated ABA-approved member law schools, has been committed to improving access to legal education and to maximizing the affordability and value of a law degree since 1983. The AccessLex Center for Legal Education Excellence advocates for policies that make legal education work better for students and society alike, and conducts research on the most critical issues facing legal education today.

Introduced on May 25, 2017 by Representatives Ryan Costello (R-PA), Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ) and Rep. Lou Barletta (R-PA), the bipartisan *MVP Act* would create a new computerized matching system between the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Department of Education to identify federal student loan borrowers who may be eligible for a TPD discharge due to either a 100 percent disabling service-connected condition or an individual employability determination from the VA. Borrowers would then be notified and given instructions on how to apply for a TPD discharge.

Allowing the student loans of borrowers who become totally and permanently disabled to be discharged is sound public policy as it works to alleviate the financial burden that would be placed on these borrowers if required to repay their loans without the requisite ability. AccessLex Institute supports streamlining this process to better identify and proactively notify borrowers who may be eligible for this relief.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Nancy Conneely, Director of Policy, at [nconneely@accesslex.org](mailto:nconneely@accesslex.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris P. Chapman".

Christopher P. Chapman

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