



March 29, 2019

The Honorable Sherrod Brown
311 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Julia Brownley
Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Brown and Representative Brownley,

It is with great pleasure that I write to offer our strongest support for your CHAMPVA Children's Care Protection Act of 2019. As you know, the 350,000 members of the Military Officers Association of America have made expanding the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA) – to include children of eligible veterans, family members, and survivors until age 26 – as one of our top priorities. Doing so will align eligibility with private-sector and the Department of Defense TRICARE insurance plans to conform to law as required under the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

In addition, the CHAMPVA expansion continues to be a priority for The Military Coalition, a consortium of nationally prominent uniformed services and veterans associations, as well as other major veteran service organizations representing millions of veterans and servicemembers who have joined in this effort over these many years. Your decision to be lead sponsors in the Senate and House is a testament to your leadership and commitment to making sure veterans' voices are heard on Capitol Hill.

MOAA members and veterans are deeply passionate about this issue and ensuring all children of veterans receive the same health care coverage as other Americans, whether those veterans have been rated permanently and totally disabled, have died from service-connected disabilities or in the line of duty, or were totally disabled from a service-connected disease at the time of death.

Thank you for keeping this issue as a top priority – tangible evidence of your desire to never stop serving veterans and their families. It's time to pass this important legislation, and MOAA looks forward to working with you to get the bill enacted into law.

Sincerely,