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Representative Lamar Smith  
Chairman  
Science, Space, and Technology Committee  
2318 Rayburn House Office Building  
U.S House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Smith:

On behalf of the members of The Retired Enlisted Association (TREA), a Congressionally-chartered veterans' service organization and the largest association in the nation exclusively for enlisted retirees and veterans from all branches of the Armed Forces, I am writing in support of the *Supporting Veterans in STEM Careers Act*.

This bi-partisan legislation would require the National Science Foundation (NSF) to develop a veteran outreach plan and track veteran participation, including data on veterans in annual science and engineering indicators report.

In addition, it updates the Noyce Teacher Scholarship program, NSF Fellowship programs, and cyber grant programs to include outreach to veterans.

It also creates a National Science and Technology Council Subcommittee under the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy on veterans and military families and STEM Education, including looking at career barriers such as transfer of credits and skills.

Careers in STEM will no doubt be much in demand for years to come and aiding veterans to get an education in STEM will provide a very bright future for those who choose this path.

We are pleased to support this bill.

Respectfully,

(signed)

Larry Madison  
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The Retired Enlisted Association