



March 7, 2016

The Honorable Mike Coffman  
United States House of Representatives  
2443 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Rep. Coffman:

Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA) is pleased to offer our strong support for *The Fairness for Veterans Act* (H.R. 4683).

We appreciate the bill's provisions, which aim to ensure proper due process for service members whose post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and other mental traumas should have been diagnosed and considered prior to their discharge from the military. Too often, we see our men and women in uniform erroneously receiving an administrative discharge rather than a honorable discharge, due to the traumatic experiences that alter their behavior. This bill will establish a disprovable presumption in favor of the veteran when appealing to the Secretary of Defense for an upgrade in discharge status, based on medical evidence.

IAVA believes all veterans deserve the most timely and efficient service this country can offer, therefore, we are proud to offer our support for this meaningful legislation. If we can be of further assistance, please contact Tom Porter, IAVA's Legislative Director, at (202) 544-7692, or by email at [thomas@iava.org](mailto:thomas@iava.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Matt Miller", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Matthew Miller  
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