**Message in brief:** Thank you for all you do for the veterans who have served our country so well. We are particularly appreciative of the Post-9/11 GI Bill and its “Yellow Ribbon” program, which have opened educational opportunities for so many veterans. We are committed to offering a supportive environment for veterans on our campuses. We understand the need for veterans to receive good consumer information, but urge that you not require the collection of massive amounts of very detailed information. This would be confusing for students and burdensome to institutions.

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- **Post-9/11 GI Bill:** We are particularly appreciative of the Post-9/11 GI Bill and its “Yellow Ribbon” program — which have opened educational opportunities for so many veterans. We are committed to offering a supportive environment for veterans on our campuses. *(Provide information/examples of the veteran students on your campus. In particular, tell of successful outcomes for your veteran students – a major congressional concern. Demonstrating that Post-9/11 GI Bill funds are being used effectively at your institution is one of the most important messages you can carry to Congress. Members are also interested in any supportive services provided to veterans, so be prepared with examples from your campus.)*

- **Academic Issues:** We understand that veterans often face special circumstances when it comes to issues such as the award of academic credit. At the same time, we are extremely concerned about having the federal government get involved in a process that is fundamentally an academic function.

- **Data Collection:** In order to help veterans make better choices about postsecondary education, there have been several proposals calling for new data collection at the very detailed program level. This would not only be highly burdensome to institutions, but would also be confusing for students. We believe that many problems could be avoided if there were greater reliance on resources already available from the Department of Education.

- **Cost:** We understand why people are worried about paying for college. We are making every effort to meet student need so that college is affordable. *(Give examples from your institution.)* *(Note: Many members of the veterans committees are concerned that rising college prices are pushing Post-9/11 GI Bill costs to unsustainable levels.)*
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