

Wounded Warrior Project Applauds Introduction of Key Legislative Reforms for Veterans



Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP) supports the recent introduction of several significant pieces of legislation to the U.S. Congress. WWP thanks the sponsors and supporters of these bills, which include:

[Able Age Adjustment Act of 2021](#)

S.331: Sens. Bob Casey (D-PA) and Jerry Moran (R-KS)

H.R.1219: Reps. Tony Cardenas (D-CA), Judy Chu (D-CA), and Cathy McMorris Rodgers (D-WA).

ABLE (Achieving a Better Life Experience) tax-advantaged savings accounts enable disabled individuals to pay for disability-related expenses, providing the critical ability to work and save money without jeopardizing access to important federal programs such as Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Medicaid. Under current law, ABLE accounts are only available to those who became disabled before age 26. Department of Defense data shows the average age of an enlisted service member who retires from the military due to disability is 34.4 years old, while for officers, the average is 39.2 years old.

By expanding the program's eligibility to age 46, the *ABLE Age Adjustment Act* will allow many of the warriors WWP serves to invest in their long-term goals and achieve the resiliency, independence, and confidence that WWP seeks to foster.

[The Global War on Terrorism Memorial Location Act of 2021](#)

S.535: Sen. Joni Ernst (R-IA)

H.R.1115: Reps. Jason Crow (D-CO) and Mike Gallagher (R-WI)

The Global War on Terrorism Memorial Location Act of 2021 will provide the Congressional authority needed to build the Global War on Terrorism Memorial in the Reserve of the National Mall in Washington, DC. The Global War on Terrorism Memorial will be a monument dedicated to the brave men and women who fought and made

the ultimate sacrifice in the wars against terrorism since Sept. 11, 2001.

This generation of warriors has earned their own place on the mall and should be recognized and honored for their service at the Global War on Terrorism Memorial, as generations of other warriors before them have. As we approach the 20-year mark since the 9/11 attacks, WWP is proud to support this tribute that will remind us all of the brave men and women who fought and sacrificed so much for their country.

*Read WWP's most recent [**testimony before the House and Senate Veterans' Affairs committees**](#), where we laid out our key legislative priorities for 2021. And learn more about [**WWP's other legislative priorities**](#) and how we work with our nation's leaders to improve the lives of wounded veterans and their families.*

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About Wounded Warrior Project

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