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Members of the Senate of Pennsylvania

Dear Senator,

I respectfully request your support for the Military Family Education Program (MFEP) by joining the co-sponsorship memo to the Senate. This legislation will enable Pennsylvania National Guardsmen (PANG) to earn educational benefits for both their spouse and children by committing to a second obligation of six years with the PANG. The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) fully supports this legislation. We request your consideration to join as a co-sponsor by contacting the Senate Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee chairperson.

Our families serve and sacrifice right alongside of our Guardsmen. Providing this educational opportunity for our families is one way to show them how grateful Pennsylvania is for their personal sacrifice.

The MFEP will help to increase retention of our 18,000-member force, increase the number of transitioning active duty service members who join the PANG, and maintain PANG unit structure and strength as the second largest National Guard in the nation. The MFEP will provide a significant benefit to our military families, keep our trained and experienced members, and enhance the overall readiness of the PANG.

In order to qualify for MFEP, a PANG Guardsman must fulfill their first obligation of time in service and then commit to an additional six years of service with the PANG. This will earn their chosen family member(s) ten semesters or five years equivalent of educational benefits at a PA State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) basic tuition rate.

If you have questions or require additional information, please contact my Director of Policy, Planning and Legislative Affairs, Gilbert "Dusty" Durand, at gdurand@pa.gov or 717-861-8719.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony J. Carrelli".

Anthony J. Carrelli
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The Adjutant General