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Written Statement for the Record to the House Armed Services Committee

Chairman Rogers and Ranking Member Smith, thank you for your important work on this Committee and for considering requests regarding the Fiscal Year 2027 National Defense Authorization Act.

Our servicemembers and their families put their lives on the line for our country, and the least we can do is ensure they have the financial tools to set themselves up for success. Passing the bipartisan Military Financial Literacy Accountability Act as part of the NDAA will be key to achieving that goal. I was proud to champion this critical legislation, along with my colleague Congresswoman Kiggans (VA-02), which strengthens financial education, promotes transparency, and helps protect servicemembers and their families from being taken advantage of as they work to build their own futures.

I have heard from servicemembers, veterans, and their families from my district and across the country that military financial literacy remains a critical issue. Specifically, the Military Financial Literacy Accountability Act directs the Department of Defense to: streamline responsibility for military financial literacy under the Secretary; identify preferred methods of financial education delivery for servicemembers, barriers to participation in existing programs, and opportunities for improvement; ensure tracking of financial readiness common military training completion and addressing causes of non-completion; establish timelines and metrics for financial education efforts; and submit to Congress an implementation strategy.

The bill has been endorsed by The American Legion, Wounded Warrior Project, and Military Officers Association of America (MOAA). In particular, I want to highlight a statistic that Wounded Warrior Project Vice President of Government and Community Relations Jose Ramos shared: “Nearly 70% of the Warriors we serve report that financial strain related to their military service affects their quality of life.”

The responsibility falls to us to give servicemembers the financial tools they need to protect their paychecks, plan for their futures, and avoid predatory practices. As such, I urge support for this bipartisan bill and other measures to be included in the NDAA that honor their service with real support and long-term financial security.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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