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Ms. Carrie Wofford  
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United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

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Dear Ms. Wofford:

We are most pleased to inform you that The Military Coalition, a consortium of military and veterans associations representing more than 5.5 million active duty, Guard and Reserve, and retired members and veterans of the seven uniformed services and their families and survivors, has selected you as co-recipient of the Coalition's 2012 Freedom Award for congressional staff members.

The Coalition wishes to recognize your dedication and hard work for military, veterans, families and survivors in preserving the integrity of the GI Bill by highlighting and addressing questionable practices by some For Profit colleges. We are most grateful for your efforts to improve the quality of life for those who have served and sacrificed for their country.

The other Freedom Award co-recipient will be Ms. Jeanette James of the House Armed Services Committee staff, recognizing her efforts to protect against unfair TRICARE fee increases.

We hope you will be able to attend the Coalition's awards reception on Wednesday, October 3, in the Congressional Hall of Honor Room (5<sup>th</sup> floor) at the Reserve Officers Association, 1 Constitution Avenue, NE, Washington, DC. The reception will be from 11:30 to 1:30, with presentation of awards scheduled for noon.

The Coalition will also present its 2012 Award of Merit to Chairman Howard "Buck" McKeon and Senator Patty Murray at this ceremony.

Thank you again for your outstanding support of the military and veterans' community. We look forward to presenting you the Coalition's 2012 Freedom Award on October 3.

Sincerely,

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Director, Government Relations,  
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