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To: House Corporations Committee
Subject: Passage of a Bill Affecting Veterans

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To: Chairman Joseph J. Solomon, Jr. and members of the House Corporations Committee

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Subj: House Bill Number 5043 (Azzinaro) & House Bill Number 5419 (O'Brien)

1. I am a veteran and served for 29 years in the U.S. Army. I am a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW). I am a resident of South Kingstown and Carol McEntee is my state representative.
2. I am writing in SUPPORT of House Bill Number 5043 (Azzinaro). I want the Rhode Island House of Representatives to pass this bill unamended. It is the same as House Bill Number 7609 which was passed by the House during the 2024 legislative session.
3. I am writing in OPPOSITION to House Bill Number 5419 (O'Brien). I do not support legitimizing the conduct of for-profit, predatory, claim consultant companies like Veterans Benefits Guide (VBG) and Veterans Guardian (VG). I do not want to see this bill make it out of the House Corporations Committee. I am disappointed that it was introduced in the first place.

4. Please vote as soon as possible to pass House Bill Number 5043 (Azzinaro) and to send it to the House with a recommendation for passage.

Very respectfully,

Jeffrey D. Coons
LTC, USA, Retired

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