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Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2025 12:22 PM
To: House Corporations Committee
Subject: Veterans Need HB5419, Not HB5043

Re: Veterans Need HB5419, Not HB5043

Dear House Corporations Committee Members,

I respectfully request your support for House Bill 5419 and your opposition to House Bill 5043 as they relate to veterans' benefits claims assistance. HB5419 offers critical protections against predatory practices while acknowledging the legitimate role that knowledgeable consultants play in helping veterans secure their earned benefits. This balanced approach respects veterans' intelligence and autonomy while ensuring they're protected from exploitation. By contrast, HB5043 would severely limit veterans' options at a time when many are already struggling with the VA's complex and time-consuming claims process. With the average claim taking over 150 days to process, veterans need more support options, not fewer. HB5419 provides the perfect middle ground—protecting veterans while preserving their freedom to choose assistance that best meets their individual needs. Your vote on these bills will directly impact thousands of Rhode Island veterans seeking the benefits they've earned through their service and sacrifice.

Sincerely,
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