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**Chairman of the Ohio Military and Veterans Caucus,**

The Ohio Legislature has recently made significant progress in improving the quality of living for our men and women in uniform and their family members with the proposed policy changes currently under consideration in the legislature.

1) HB 716 sponsored by Representatives Jim Butler and Rick Perales will grant a temporary license or certificates to members of the military and their spouses who hold an occupational license in another state or jurisdiction and subsequently move to the state of Ohio. Not only will this have a significant positive impact on the DoD member and family, it will also reduce employment gaps for numerous military families who depend on two incomes to make ends meet. This could arguably result in the best professional reciprocity process in the country.

2) HB 603 sponsored by Representative Rick Perales will grant residency status for all members of the military, their spouses, and dependent child for the purpose of "in-state tuition" status.

3) HB 158 sponsored by Representatives Rick Perales and Hearcel Craig and SB 116 sponsored by Senators Frank LaRose and Sandra Williams will allow for unemployment compensation for trailing military spouses if they depart the state due to military transfer orders, as is the case in 46 other states.

4) HB 523 sponsored by Representatives Laura Lanese and Rick Perales will require civilian authorities to identify and report all military family abuse and/or violence situations to appropriate military representatives. This bill will ensure adequate reporting and resources are made available to the military family.

The Department of Defense supports all the above policy changes as reflected in the current bills. We greatly appreciate the hard work of the sponsors of these bills, and the Ohio Legislature on improving the lives of our military families. As top priorities, the office of the DoD Military Community & Family Policy fully supports the Ohio General Assembly in their efforts to change state policy to positively impact our military members and their families.

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*Improving the Lives of Military Members and their Families*