

July 10, 2019

The Honorable Marco Rubio
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The Honorable Amy Klobuchar
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Senators Rubio and Klobuchar:

The Consumer Technology Association (CTA) is pleased that the Senate Commerce Committee is moving forward with marking up Senator Rubio's and Senator Klobuchar's Supporting Veterans in STEM Careers Act (S.153). We encourage the passage of this bill, which would make it easier for America's veterans to transition their skills in to a career in the tech field.

The U.S. military does an extraordinary job of giving service members both the technical skills and the soft skills needed to succeed in a technology career, but unfortunately some obstacles remain in the way of veterans transferring their military experience to a civilian career. CTA has long been committed to removing those barriers.

We partnered with the Northern Virginia Technology Council and Monster.com to create U.S. Tech Vets, a career portal that connects transitioning service members with job opportunities in the tech sector.

By streamlining government STEM and military job transition programs, S.153 is another important step in making sure that veterans are able to bring their valuable experience to well-paying STEM Jobs.

Sincerely,



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