

# Post-9/11 Vets Descend Upon Capitol Hill to Defend Post-9/11 GI Bill

**WASHINGTON (April 14, 2016)** – Today, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA) and its members will join Reps. Seth Moulton (D-Mass.), Tim Walz (D-Minn.), Brad Ashford (D-Neb.), Tulsi Gabbard (D-Hawaii), Rep. Tammy Duckworth (D-Ill.), Kathleen Rice (D-N.Y.) and Gwen Graham (D-Fla.) for a rally to urge Congress to defend the Post-9/11 GI Bill. Following the House passage of [H.R. 3016](#) – which includes significant cuts to the Post-9/11 GI Bill – the threat of a similar bill in the Senate (S.425) is jeopardizing the landmark education law and the hard-fought for benefits of veterans.

Protecting military and veterans education benefits is a [top policy priority](#) for IAVA and its 425,000 members. In response to Congress' actions, IAVA launched the #DefendTheGIBill campaign in March 2016. IAVA members have since sent more than 13,400 letters to Congress asking representatives to oppose any cuts to the Post-9/11 GI Bill. In addition, every Member of Congress has been challenged to [take the pledge](#) to defend the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

IAVA will oppose the omnibus as a whole and call on the president to veto it if it is passed with the cuts to the Post-9/11 GI Bill included.

**WHAT:** Veterans Rally to Urge Congress to Defend the Post-9/11 GI Bill

**WHO:** Paul Rieckhoff, Founder and CEO, IAVA

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Air Force Sergeants Association

Association of the United States Navy

Commissioned Officers Association

Vietnam Veterans of America

IAVA Members and Supporters

**WHEN:** Thursday, April 14, 2016, 2:45 p.m.

**WHERE:** [House Triangle](#), U.S. Capitol, Washington, D.C.