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National Association of State Approving Agencies 75th Anniversary Recognition

Frank Myers, NASAA President

Dear Frank,

Today marks the 79th anniversary of President Roosevelt signing the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, which we commonly refer to as the GI Bill. Among the benefits provided were education and training for military members returning from World War II. Congress determined that education and training programs for veterans should have state approval, and Governors should designate a State Approving Agency. This month recognizes the anniversary of the forming of the National Association of State Approving Agencies (NASAA). 75 years ago, State Approving Agencies saw the need to coordinate nationally to provide the best support for our student veterans.

Working together, at the federal and state level, we should be proud of our collective role as stewards of the GI Bill, that allows a grateful nation to recognize the sacrifices made by generations of men and women protecting our freedom. We also protect the integrity of the GI Bill programs offered to veterans and beneficiaries.

Congratulations on achieving your "diamond" anniversary of 75 years. In the manner that diamonds are considered the strongest substance, I am especially proud of the strength of our relationship. Working together, we've promoted transparency and collaboration to serve a noble cause – ensuring veterans and beneficiaries can achieve their educational goals.

Please pass my heartfelt appreciation to all the State Approving Agencies and the NASAA leadership team for their dedication and commitment to our student veterans.

Sincerely,

Joseph Garcia
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