

Hiring Our Heroes Testifies on Getting Veterans Back to Work After COVID-19



Yesterday Eric Eversole, President of U.S. Chamber Foundation’s Hiring Our Heroes (HOH), testified before the House Committee on Veterans Affairs’ Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity to discuss a bill that would authorize Department of Veterans Affairs funding for training for in-demand jobs to help veterans and their spouses who are unemployed due to the impact of COVID-19.

The expanded funding would allow eligible veterans and their spouses up to one year post-service to complete training for in-demand jobs.

“HOH strongly believes that we need to focus on three core concepts to ensure veterans do not receive their first civilian paycheck in the form of unemployment: One, bridging military experience with civilian skillsets and experiential opportunities prior to transition. Two, investing in skills-based training and ensuring employment accountability. Three, looking at transition holistically to include military spouses,” Eversole said during his testimony.

April unemployment numbers showed that over one million veterans are currently unemployed at a rate of 11.7% (the highest rate recorded since BLS started keeping this statistic in 1948).

[Watch the full testimony here.](#) For more information on how Hiring Our Heroes connects veterans and military spouses to employment [click here.](#)