

It is the sense of Congress that—

1. organizations that provide holistic services to veterans, service members, and military families play a vital role in supporting the transition to civilian life and in strengthening the resiliency of military communities;
2. community-based programs that support mental health, peer mentorship, workforce readiness, and overall wellness for veterans and their families provide essential services that complement federal efforts;
3. innovative approaches, including the use of service and support dogs, have provided life-changing assistance to veterans coping with post-traumatic stress, traumatic brain injury, and other service-related conditions; and
4. the Department of Defense, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and other federal agencies are encouraged to collaborate with community-based organizations to expand access to supportive services, strengthen partnerships, and promote best practices in veteran care.