

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

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The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison
U.S. Senate
284 Senate Russell Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Hutchison:

On behalf of the 2.2 million members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) and our Auxiliaries, I am pleased to offer our strong support for S. 614, which would award the Congressional Gold Medal to the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP).

Through their dedication and service, the WASP were responsible for ground-breaking reform in the incorporation of women pilots into the Armed Forces, paving the way for hundreds of servicewomen who have flown combat missions in recent military conflicts. Your legislation is a fitting honor, which recognizes these extraordinary women for their service, sacrifice, and unselfish devotion to duty and country.

Thank you for taking the lead on this initiative and for your continued support of our armed forces and military veterans. I look forward to working with you to ensure this legislation is enacted.

Sincerely,



MICHAEL H. WYSONG, Director
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cc: Sen. Christopher Dodd, Chairman, Senate Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs Committee
Sen. Richard Shelby, Ranking Member, Senate Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs Committee