

House Veteran Affairs Committee
B234 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Chairman Takano,

Thank you so much for your continued leadership to support our country's military and veteran community. The Elizabeth Dole Foundation is the preeminent organization empowering, supporting, and honoring our nation's 5.5 million military caregivers; the spouses, parents, family members and friends who care for America's wounded, ill or injured veterans.

The Elizabeth Dole Foundation wholeheartedly supports H.R. 1276 and efforts to expand COVID-19 vaccination availability to our nation's military and veteran caregivers.

Last year, Senator Dole wrote directly to VA leadership asking them to prioritize military and veteran caregivers in their plans for COVID-19 vaccine distribution. In January, the VA answered this call and announced plans to include caregivers in the Program for Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers (PCAFC) in their vaccination plans. H.R. 1276, the Vaccine Act, aims to prioritize more caregivers, as well as veterans who are outside of VA care. We applaud Chairman Takano, Ranking Member Bost, and members of the House Veterans Affairs Committee for supporting this legislation and look forward to its passage.

Sincerely,



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