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Committee Looks to Put America's Veterans Back to Work

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs met to discuss how to put America's veterans back to work. With witnesses from both the private and public sectors, the Committee heard testimony that focused on measuring the effectiveness of current veteran job-training programs, bridging the gap between employers and veterans, and how to improve the system to help veterans find meaningful employment.

“We have programs to help veterans find jobs spread out across numerous agencies, but due to the increasing number of veterans who are currently unemployed, we must ask ourselves, are these programs working,” questioned Rep. Marlin Stutzman (IN-03). “It is incumbent on us all to remove the redundancies and barriers that hinder veterans from finding jobs.”

The unemployment rate among all veterans of the Global War on Terror has been reported to be as high as 13.1 percent, despite increased federal funding for job training.

“The key to solving this problem is connecting our veterans with opportunities at the local level, in their hometowns. We must find a way to better communicate with our veterans to let them know that there are employers across the nation who want to help,” stated Rep. Jeff Miller (FL-01), Chairman of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs. “Giving someone a job is not just about receiving a paycheck, a job gives a person dignity and a sense of mission—characteristics inherent in America's veterans.

“This month, I plan to introduce comprehensive veterans' employment legislation that takes into account all facets of this problem so when our veterans return home, they are afforded the same opportunities as their civilian counterparts.”

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