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The Honorable Charlie J. Crist  
215 Cannon House of Building  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Crist,

On behalf of the National District Attorneys Association (NDAA), the largest prosecutor organization representing 2,500 elected and appointed District Attorneys across the United States as well as 40,000 Assistant District Attorneys, I write in support of H.R. 886 the *Veteran Treatment Court Coordination Act of 2019*.

As you know, NDAA supports the implementation of and improved access to Veterans Treatment Courts throughout our Nation's criminal justice system. Based upon the existing model for Drug Treatment Courts, Veterans Courts provide a collaborative process to rehabilitate and restore veterans as contributing members of their communities. These courts rely on prosecutors, defense counsels, and judges partnering with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and community-based support organizations to hold veterans accountable for their actions while also providing a path forward for their full rehabilitation.

The *Veteran Treatment Court Coordination Act* takes important steps to ensure that our Nation's veterans that have become involved with the criminal justice system have access to services and resources they need to become productive members of society. NDAA plans to work alongside lawmakers, community officials, and our law enforcement partners to ensure Veterans Courts are implemented with proper funding and oversight in an effort to promote public safety and reduce recidivism for our Nation's veterans.

Congress has highlighted the deficiencies in the resources and care we provide our military veterans, and this legislation can serve as another step forward to help those that are part of the criminal justice system. We look forward to working with you and your staff on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jonathan Blodgett".

Jonathan Blodgett  
President