



# IRAQ *and* AFGHANISTAN VETERANS *of* AMERICA

August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009

The Honorable Thomas Perriello  
1520 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Perriello:

Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA) is honored to offer our support for H.R. 1098, a bill that would increase the amount of money that veterans receive for on-the-job training (OJT) and apprenticeship programs. With the cost of schools and technical training increasing every year it is important that the level of education benefits veterans receive does not fall behind.

While your bill provides an increase of money to the veterans who are using older forms of the GI Bill IAVA strongly recommends including OJT and apprenticeship programs within the Post 9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33) which specifically excludes OJT and apprenticeship programs.

We are proud to offer our assistance on this piece of legislation. If we can be of any help please feel free to contact me at (202) 544-7692 or [Patrick@java.org](mailto:Patrick@java.org). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Patrick Campbell  
Chief Legislative Counsel