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To Whom It May Concern:

As the Representative for Michigan's First Congressional District, I am proud to lend my support to Project Gratitude, an organization dedicated to honoring the children of our nation's military families.

Military service asks a great deal of the entire family, not just the service member. Children of our men and women in uniform carry the weight of deployments, relocations, and long separations with a maturity beyond their years, often without the recognition they deserve. Project Gratitude was founded to change that.

Started by high school student Landon Ginn, Project Gratitude connects civilian students with their military-connected peers through signed cards of appreciation. In the process, students learn about the sacrifices military families make and have the opportunity to say, simply and sincerely, that those sacrifices have been seen and are valued.

Michigan is home to thousands of military-connected children, including families tied to Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Camp Grayling, and the U.S. Coast Guard Air Station in Traverse City. These children serve in their own way, and initiatives like Project Gratitude help ensure their communities recognize that service.

I am pleased to support Project Gratitude as it works to build partnerships with schools, military-family organizations, veterans' organizations, and community groups across Michigan and the nation. I encourage schools, organizations, and community leaders in the First District to learn more about this program and consider how they might take part.

Project Gratitude reflects the very best of civic engagement: young people recognizing the service of their peers and strengthening the bond between military and civilian communities. It has my full support.

Sincerely,



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