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To whom it may concern,

I am happy to write on behalf of the New Hampshire Department of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) expressing our support for Project Gratitude. There are numerous Veterans organizations like us who provide a connection between military and civilian life, places of support and understanding not commonly found in the civilian sector. Though, families of veterans may participate with these organizations, they remain veteran centric where children may not necessarily enjoy the same peer support and recognition. Project Gratitude is the conduit between military-connected children and children in the civilian sector.

Project Gratitude provides a thoughtful, student-led educational program whereby civilian students better understand the sacrifices of military-connected students. The civilian students create meaningful messages of appreciation promoting empathy, citizenship, and community service within our schools. With Project Gratitude's demonstrated ability to build positive relationships with schools in our state, the VFW is proud to promote their program and efforts within our organization and veteran community.

Personally, the program as military father of a now 25-year-old daughter impresses me. She spent much time in the care of family members with her mother and I being 20+ year Army retirees. Though grounded and successful in her adult life, I see how she would have benefited receiving Project Gratitude's program.

Again, the New Hampshire VFW is pleased to recognize Project Gratitude as a valued community partner and support its continued efforts to serve military-connected children. We look forward to partnering with this organization by implementing our youth and scholarship programs, fostering patriotism, citizenship, and community service.

Sincerely,

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