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President and CEO

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The Honorable Gwen Moore  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Moore,

On behalf of our 350,000 members I want to thank you for sponsoring H.R. 3138, the "Six Triple Eight" Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2019. I am proud to support this noble cause recognizing the women of the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion, the only African-American Women's Army Corps unit to serve overseas during World War II.

Those of us who have served overseas or far from home know all too well the importance of mail and staying connected with our loved ones. While phones and computers dominate connectivity options today, back in WWII the only way to stay connected was through mail, and these brave women overcame the challenges of dual segregation by race and gender to diligently clear backlogs of mail and improve its distribution throughout Europe.

Many of our older MOAA members are WWII veterans and I am sure they would be pleased to know we are supportive of this recognition for the 6888th, as they would say, "Mail equated to morale."

I understand only a few of these women are still alive, ages 95-99, so it is increasingly important we recognize these women to help them and their families celebrate their dedication and contributions to the war.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dana T. Atkins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "D" and "A".

cc Hon Steve Watkins  
Co-sponsor of H.R. 3138 and MOAA member  
Member, House Committee on Veterans Affairs