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The Honorable Nathan Deal
Office of the Governor
203 State Capitol Street SW
Atlanta, GA 30304

Dear Governor Deal:

I write to you to draw your attention to the work that is being done in the 5th Congressional District of Georgia, by my Constituent, Susan Anderson. It is my understanding that in the last 11 years Ms. Anderson has successfully helped over 400,000 children and adults mitigate the adverse affects of PTSD from War and Natural Disasters using her Train the Trainer Programs.

I understand that last year, our wounded warriors from the Eisenhower Medical Center, and Fort Gordon began using her programs. As a result, the Georgia Guard is now seeking initiatives to become part of this Georgia Pilot Project.

Ms. Anderson has recently met with me and expressed a keen interest in making you aware of the potential for success of her Programs for the Georgia Guard.

Ms. Anderson started 11 years ago, with Train the Trainer workshops that use all of the arts (painting, reading, poetry, drama, music) as positive mitigation elements with people adversely affected or exposed to PTSD. Mrs. Anderson is also the Founder of The ArtReach Foundation, a 501 (c) 3 Nonprofit. Her successes in Bosnia, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq and Jordan are impressive accomplishments that show the success within her programs. Her program for the Military, **ArtReach: Project America**, has quickly gained traction here in Georgia.

Upon Ms. Anderson making contact with your office, I hope that you give her program your consideration as you consider programs to compliment the initiatives you already have in place for all of our proud and patriotic National Guard Members. If you would like to contact her directly, she can be contacted at: Susan Anderson, ArtReach Foundation, 30 Fifth Street, Suite 204, Atlanta, GA 30308, 404- 264-9349, info@artreachfoundation.org.

Sincerely,

John Lewis
Member of Congress