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The Honorable Raul Ruiz U.S. House of Representatives 2342 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Congressman Ruiz:

The Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) supports your bill (H.R.4451). This bill will correct the exclusion of providing needed benefits to thousands of caregivers assisting veterans with serious *illness*, rather than injury. It would also require the department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to conduct an annual assessment to measure the impact of caregiving on the overall health and wellness of caregivers.

The Association appreciates your dedication to veteran issues. The FRA point of contact is Theo Lawson, Assistant Director of Legislative Programs, at TheoL@fra.org.

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Slawinski National Executive Director

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