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The Honorable Beto O'Rourke U.S. House of Representatives 1330 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Representative O'Rourke:

The Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) supports the "Express Appeals Act," (H.R. 800). This legislation directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a five-year pilot program to provide veterans the option of filing "fully developed appeals" of claims for disability compensation.

The Association appreciates your leadership on this issue and stands ready to provide assistance in advancing this legislation.

The FRA point of contact is Stephen Tassin, Assistant Director of Legislative Programs, at the above numbers or (<u>stephent@fra.org</u>).

Sincerely,

National Executive Director

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