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The Honorable Bill Nelson
United States Senate
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Dear Senator Nelson:

The Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) strongly supports your legislation, “The FAIR Heroes Act” (S. 2117) that would make disabled service members who were medically retired from the military eligible for both Medicare Part B and TRICARE, and allow them to choose which health plan works best for them. Under current law, severely disabled veterans who receive Social Security Disability Insurance benefits (SSDI), for two or more years don’t have a choice. They are required, by law, to purchase Medicare Part B coverage.

By giving these veterans the choice to enroll in TRICARE instead of the more costly Medicare Part B program, this bill could save many veterans up to \$1,300 a year. The Association appreciates your strong leadership on this issue and stands ready to provide assistance in advancing this legislation. The point of contact at FRA is John Davis, Director of Legislative Programs, at the above numbers or (john@fra.org).

Sincerely,

THOMAS J. SNEE
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