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The Honorable Julia Brownley  
House of Representatives  
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Dear Congresswoman Brownley:

The Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) supports your legislation, the “Protect Veterans from Financial Fraud Act” (H.R.592). This bill will guarantee that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) repays the misused benefits of veterans with fiduciaries.

The VA’s fiduciary program was established to protect veterans and other beneficiaries who, due to injury, disease, or age, are unable to manage their own financial affairs. When the program is used properly the VA appoints a fiduciary to assist the veteran in managing VA benefits payments. Currently, if a fiduciary misuses these benefits, VA can remove the fiduciary, but it can only re-issue benefits to the veteran if the appointed fiduciary manages benefits for at least 10 or more veterans. This needless, arbitrary condition of repayment does not serve the veterans needs when they discover that their earned benefits were taken away unjustifiably.

The Association appreciates your dedication to veteran issues. The FRA point of contact is Brian Condon, Assistant Director of Veterans Programs, at [brianc@fra.org](mailto:brianc@fra.org).

Sincerely,

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