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The Honorable Gary Peters
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Dear Senator Peters:

The Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) supports the “TEAM Veteran Caregivers Act” (S.2216). With the Department of Veterans Affairs failing to properly manage their caregiver program, according to the VA Inspector General, it is necessary for Congress to take action. The Transparency and Effective Accountability Measures for (TEAM) Veteran Caregivers Act takes a number of steps to improve the program, including:

- Ensuring all caregivers are named in the veterans’ medical records;
- Establishing a minimum standard of information in downgrade notification letters; and
- Extending benefits for at least 90 days after a termination letter is sent for cases where a veteran is deemed “no longer clinically eligible” for the program.

This bill will go a long way to rebuild trust and confidence between the VA and the veteran community.

The Association appreciates your dedication to veterans’ issues. The FRA point of contact is Brian Condon, Assistant Director of Veterans Programs, at brianc@fra.org.

Sincerely,

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