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The Honorable Jerry Moran
Chairman, Senate Veterans Affairs Committee
Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

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Dear Chairman Moran:

The Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) would like to congratulate you on your selection as the new Chairman of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee.

FRA is the oldest and largest organization serving enlisted men and women in the active, Reserve, and retired communities plus veterans of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. The Association is Congressionally Chartered, recognized by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and entrusted to serve all veterans who seek its help. FRA was started in 1924 and its name is derived from the Navy's program for personnel transferring to the Fleet Reserve or Fleet Marine Corps Reserve after 20 or more years of active duty, but less than 30 years for retirement purposes. During the required period of service in the Fleet Reserve, assigned personnel earn retainer pay and are subject to recall by the Secretary of the Navy.

As you may know the Association testifies regularly before the House and Senate Veterans' Affairs Committees and is actively involved in the Veterans Affairs Voluntary Services (VAVS) program. FRA's Veterans Service Officer program represents veterans throughout the claims process and before the Board of Veteran's Appeals.

FRA is a member of the Veterans Day National Committee that coordinates National Veterans' Day ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery. The Association is also a leading organization in The Military Coalition (TMC). The Association's motto is "Loyalty, Protection, and Service."

We look forward to working with you and your staff on issues of mutual concern. Best wishes for a productive Second Session of the 116th Congress.

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Slawinski
National Executive Director

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