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The Honorable Kirsten Gillibrand U.S. Senate 478 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

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Dear Senator Gillibrand:

The Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) supports the "Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act" (S.1195). This bill will clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam. Vietnam Blue Water veterans have been forced to fight for benefits that have long been given to other veterans who served in the same conflict. To deny them continuously year after year is an insult to their sacrifice.

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.

Sincerely,

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