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The Honorable Grace Meng U.S. House of Representatives 2209 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Congresswoman Meng:

The Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) supports your legislation, the "Mark Takai Atomic Veterans Healthcare Parity Act" (H.R.1377). This bill will classify veterans who participated in the cleanup of the Enewetak Atoll as "radiation-exposed veterans." Cancers and other eligible illnesses would then be presumed to be service-connected injuries, entitling survivors to make disability claims and have their treatments paid for by the VA.

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

Sincerely,

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