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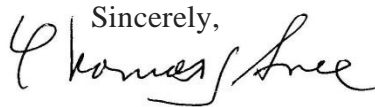
The Honorable Mark Takano  
Chairman House Veterans' Affairs Committee  
420 Cannon House Office Building  
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Dear Chairman Takano:

The Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) passionately supports the "Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act" (H.R. 299). This bill will ensure the proper deliverance and continued related presumptive care to the exposed and deserving veterans who served off the coastal waters of the Republic of Vietnam. Vietnam Blue Water veterans have waited entirely way too long and have been forced to engage in personal search and seizure of treatments from a well-deserved war-time benefit that are long overdue from other veterans who served in the same conflict. To deny them and their caretakers during this critical and crucial assessment of need, insults the very dignity and sacrifice they gave. I am proud to say that I am a BLUE WATER NAVY Veteran.

The Association sincerely appreciates and thanks you for your dedication to our veterans on behalf of our Blue Water Navy Veterans of this Bill, HR-299. FRA's point of contact is Brian Condon, Assistant Director of Veterans Programs, at [brianc@fra.org](mailto:brianc@fra.org).

Sincerely,  
  
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