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The Honorable Phil Roe Ranking Member House Veterans' Affairs Committee 102 Cannon House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Ranking Member Roe:

The Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) passionately supports the "Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act" (H.R. 203). This bill will ensure the proper deliverance and continued related presumptive care to those exposed and deserving veterans who served off the coastal waters of the Republic of Vietnam. Vietnam Blue Water Navy veterans have waited entirely way too long and have been forced to engage in personal searches and seizures in 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 sacrifices they gave. I am proud to say that I am a BLUE WATER NAVY Veteran.

The Association appreciates your continued dedication on behalf of all veteran issues. The FRA point of contact is Brian Condon, Assistant Director of Veterans Programs, at brianc@fra.org.

Sincerely,

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