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The Honorable Alan Grayson  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Representative Grayson:

The Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) supports your legislation (H.R. 4519) to provide a five-year extension of the Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance (SSIA) provided to military widows and widowers. Your legislation is timely in that the SSAI is due to sunset on October 1, 2017.

SSIA provides a partial financial relief to widows and widowers of deceased military members in receipt of their Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) annuities and is affected by the required annuity offset by the Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) paid by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). FRA has been actively pursuing repeal for this insidious "offset" for several years. SSIA provides a limited financial relief for those affected.

The Association is grateful for your sponsorship of this much needed legislation and stands ready to assist you in its passage. The FRA point of contact is John Davis, Director of Legislative Programs at the above numbers or ([john@fra.org](mailto:john@fra.org)).

Sincerely,

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