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The Honorable Chris Gibson U.S. House of Representatives 502 Canon Office Building Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Representative Gibson:

The Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) supports the "Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act" that would clarify a presumption for filing disability claims with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for ailments associated with exposure to the Agent Orange herbicide during the Vietnam War. FRA believes Congress should recognize these "Blue water" veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange herbicide and that they are granted presumptive status for VA disability claims associated with this exposure.

The Association appreciates your strong leadership on this issue. FRA stands ready to provide assistance in advancing this legislation.

Point of contact at FRA is John Davis, Director of Legislative Programs, at the above numbers or (john@fra.org).

Sincerely,

National Executive Director

