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The Honorable Tulsi Gabbard  
U.S. House of Representatives  
502 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Representative Gabbard:

The Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) supports "Access to Care and Treatment Now for Veterans Act," (H.R. 5131).

This bill directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to reimburse any non-Department medical provider, including such a provider who has not been pre-approved by the Secretary, who furnishes covered hospital care or medical services to veterans who attempt or has attempted to schedule an appointment at a Department of Veterans Affairs facility to receive such care or services but has been unable to schedule such appointment within 30 days of the date preferred by the veteran.

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

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Sincerely,

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