Bullet Points for DoD Health Care hearing

FRA Opposes Fees Because:

✓ Retirees have **earned their benefits** through many years of service with low pay.

✓ Fees will create Morale problem for those serving now!

✓ Healthcare benefits part of cost of defending the nation!

✓ Military Service different than civilian work.

✓ Adjustments to health care fees, like the 8.5% increase to Tricare Reserve Select (TRS) will erode the value of retired pay.

✓ Tricare Standard that has never had an enrollment fee is the gateway to Tricare – There is currently cost sharing (75% - 25%) and other fees.

Other savings

✓ Prompt greater use of mail-order pharmacy by eliminating co-pays

✓ Make Tricare a second payer to other retiree health insurance rather than shifting cost to younger military retirees.

✓ DoD/DVA sharing costs and facilities.

✓ Negotiate with drug companies for better discounts

✓ Subsidizing civilian insurance in lieu of Tricare coverage (select Retired and Reservists)

FRA Web Survey Results:

✓ 824 respondents

✓ 73.9% said healthcare benefit influenced their decision to **join** military.

✓ 85.3% said healthcare benefit influence their decision to **remain** in military.

✓ 84.8% would participate in mail-order prescription if no co-pay.