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The Honorable Johnny Isakson  
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The Honorable Jon Tester  
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Dear Chairman Isakson and Ranking Member Tester:

The Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) supports the "Caring for Our Veterans Act" that will reform the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) health care system by providing easier access for veterans to meet with private-sector doctors and expansion of the VA's care givers assistance programs. The bill also includes \$3 billion in additional funding for the current VA Choice program.

The bill would establish a permanent, streamlined 'Veterans Community Care Program' to provide veterans with access to health care and services in their own communities. Under this legislation, a veteran and his or her doctor will decide where that veteran will receive care, taking into consideration the veteran's healthcare needs and the availability and quality of both VA and community care.

The bill expands eligibility for the VA's Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers to veterans of all generations, including Vietnam-era veterans.

The Association stands ready to assist you in promoting this legislation. The FRA point of contact is John Davis, Director of Legislative Programs at the above numbers or (john@fra.org).

Sincerely,

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