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The Honorable Bernard Sanders
Chairman, Veterans' Committee
412 Senate Russell Office Building
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

As the National Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH), whose membership is comprised entirely of combat wounded veterans, I wish to commend you for authoring and introducing legislation that will have a profound effect on the lives of America's veterans and their families.

This legislation "*The Comprehensive Veterans Health and Benefits and Military Retirement Pay Restoration Act of 2014*" S. 1950, if signed into law, will provide many needed changes to the way that veterans are cared for.

It will provide the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) with the authority to better perform its mission of caring for veterans and their families.

Your legislation encompasses everything from advanced appropriations for all VA mandatory programs to restoration of military cost of living allowances, which were reduced in the 2013 budget agreement.

Mr. Chairman you may count on the unconditional support of MOPH for this legislation and we will ask our Patriots to contact their Senators to urge passage of this vital legislation.

Respectfully,

Ron Siebels
National Commander