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Chairman, Veterans' Affairs Committee
United States Senate
Washington D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Sanders:

On behalf of the members and supporters, the National Association for Uniformed Services (NAUS) is pleased to offer its strong support for S. 1950, the Comprehensive Veterans Health and Benefits and Military Retirement Pay Restoration Act of 2014.

The areas covered within the bill help veterans, survivors and their families with myriad VA programs, including a provision to fully restore the COLA cuts to "working age" military retirees and to allow survivors to remarry at age 55 vice 57 and retain their benefits. The bill covers a wide range of matters to include expansion of educational benefits, and improvements in general health care for veterans and many other items too numerous to list here.

One specific area that the bill covers is the full restoration of the COLA cut to military retirees under age 62. The pending reduction is an inexcusable breach of contract with the military men and women who have served this country valiantly for two wars.

Another specific area that the bill covers is a long neglected provision would allow survivors to remarry, without loss of benefits, at age 55 vice 57. This would bring military survivors into alignment with all other government programs. This inequity must be fixed.

NAUS appreciates the work you continue to do to ensure veterans receive all the benefits they have been promised and have earned while fighting in the uniform of our country.

Thank you for your consideration.

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