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The Honorable Bernie Sanders Chairman, Committee on Veterans Affairs **United States Senate** Washington, DC 20310

Dear Mr. Chairman,

On behalf of the members of the Non Commissioned Officers Association, a Federally Chartered 501c19 serving the enlisted men and women past and present in all five branches of the Armed Forces, National Guard and Reserve, I am writing in full support of your bill, S.1950, the Comprehensive Veterans Health and Benefits and Military Retirement Pay Restoration Act of 2014.

This bill offers comprehensive and sought after fixes in many military and veterans arenas and provides solutions to many of NCOA's Legislative Resolutions that have been brought forth by our membership.

NCOA wants to extend its deepest gratitude for your legislation that would eliminate the unfair 1% COLA cut of the earned pensions of working age military retirees established in the Balanced Budget Act. NCOA members know all too well what it is like to serve in far off lands. Our members and their families face a lot of sacrifices every day and no one joins the military to get wealthy so we salute your efforts in righting this wrong!

On behalf of NCOA members and their families worldwide, I urge Members of Congress to adopt it in a bipartisan way immediately.

NCOA members stand ready and willing to provide their support in any way to secure that this legislation is adopted.

Respectfully,

Clifford D. Davis

NCOA, Executive Director

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