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The Honorable Bernie Sanders Chairman, Committee on Veterans Affairs United States Senate Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Sanders,

The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) is the only military service association representing the interests of every enlisted soldier and airmen in the Army and Air National Guard. With a constituency base of over 700,000 serving troops, their families, and a large retiree membership, EANGUS engages Capitol Hill on behalf of volunteer patriots across this nation.

On behalf of EANGUS, I would like to offer support for your legislation, S. 1950, the Comprehensive Veterans Health and Benefits and Military Retirement Pay Restoration Act of 2014. Among many other things this legislation will restore the one percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) cut for working age retirees.S.1950 will also recognize National Guard and Reserve members who serve at least 20 good years as Veterans under law. We commend you for introducing this legislation and will work to ensure this needed legislation is enacted into law.

Thank you for your continued support of our military and veterans. If our association can be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact our Director of Government Affairs, Seth Waugh, at 703-519-3846 x28 or <u>seth.waugh@eangus.org</u>

Respectfully,

Al Garver Executive Director