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The Honorable Bernie Sanders
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Sanders:

On behalf of the members of The Retired Enlisted Association, a Congressionally-chartered veterans' service organization and the largest association in the nation exclusively for enlisted retirees and veterans from all branches of the Armed Forces, I am writing in support of your legislation S. 1950, the Comprehensive Veterans Health and Benefits and Military Pay Restoration Act of 2014.

This comprehensive legislation contains dozens of provisions from bills originally introduced in Congress by both Republicans and Democrats, provisions which have received enthusiastic support from the veterans community, including our association.

We are especially pleased that your legislation eliminates the unfair cuts in the COLA received by military retirees under the age of 62. This is an injustice that needs to be corrected as soon as possible and we are grateful you have included it in S.1950.

Of course, we enthusiastically support the many other provisions in your bill that fix many of the problems currently facing our nation's veterans.

We urge the Senate to pass this legislation as soon as possible and then we urge quick action by the House of Representatives so that this bill may be on the President's desk for his signature within the next few months.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,

Larry Madison
Legislative Director

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