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January 22, 2014

The Honorable Bernard Sanders
332 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Sanders:

Thank you for sponsoring S. 1950, which would improve the medical services to our veterans and amend that section of the recently enacted budget compromise that postpones cost-of-living benefit adjustments for military retirees until age 62.

We understand the need to cut some existing programs to move the budget forward, but the financial burden should not be unfairly borne by our military retirees.

NGAUS strongly supports S. 1950, which would restore the full COLA benefit for our military retirees and improve medical services for our veterans.

Thank you for introducing this legislation to improve care for our veterans and justly restore honor to our retired career military who steadfastly served during critical periods of our nation's history.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gus Hargett", written over a horizontal line.

Gus Hargett
Major General, (Ret)
President