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The Honorable Austin Scott
U.S. House of Representatives
2417 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Scott:

The Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) strongly supports H.R. 7120, the “Purple Heart Freedom to Work Act,” and commends your leadership in introducing this vital legislation. This bill ensures that combat-wounded veterans are not unfairly penalized by Social Security Administration (SSA) "Trial Work Period" rules, which currently create an "earnings cliff" that threatens the disability benefits of those attempting to reintegrate into the workforce.

FRA represents active duty, reserve, retired, and veteran members of the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. For our Purple Heart recipients, the transition to civilian employment is a hallmark of resilience, yet the current system perversely disincentivizes work by risking a 100% loss of Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) once a low-income threshold is met. By raising this threshold to the maximum statutory level and implementing a gradual 4-to-1 offset, H.R. 7120 honors the sacrifice of our sea service members and provides them the flexibility to pursue meaningful careers without compromising their earned benefits.

The Association stands ready to work with your office to move this legislation forward. The FRA point of contact is Mr. Theo Lawson, Director of Legislative Programs, at TheoL@fra.org.

Sincerely,

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