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The Honorable Chris Pappas
U.S. House of Representatives
271 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Fitzpatrick:

The Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) supports H.R.1732, the Governing Unaccredited Representatives Defrauding (GUARD) VA Benefits Act. This bill would reinstate criminal penalties for unaccredited claim representatives who charge unauthorized fees while assisting veterans with filing a claim for Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) disability compensation benefits. Protecting veterans from fraudulent practices is essential to ensuring they receive the benefits they have earned without exploitation.

The Association appreciates your commitment to safeguarding veterans' rights. The FRA point of contact is Theo Lawson, Assistant Director of Legislative Programs, at TheoL@fra.org.

Sincerely,

Phillip Reid
National Executive Director

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