



May 18, 2026

The Honorable Jack Bergman
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Bergman:

The Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) supports H.R. 6993, the "BEACON Act of 2026," and thanks you for introducing this legislation. By directing the Department of Veterans Affairs to carry out a grant program for randomized control trials on neurorehabilitation treatments for traumatic brain injury, this bill accelerates the evidence base our sea service veterans need to access effective, non-pharmacological care.

Traumatic brain injury is among the most common service-connected conditions affecting Navy and Marine Corps veterans of the post-9/11 era, and its trajectory is too often shaped by limited clinical evidence on what actually works. Funding prospective randomized trials, with proper coordination between researchers and clinical partners, will give VA clinicians and rating officials a stronger foundation for treatment decisions and for the disability ratings that depend on them. This is the kind of investment that lowers downstream costs, reduces appeals volume, and improves member outcomes simultaneously.

FRA urges passage of H.R. 6993 as introduced and asks that you safeguard the bill's research scope and funding authorization through final passage. For more information, please contact Theo Lawson, Director of Legislative Programs, at TheoL@fra.org.

Sincerely,

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