



May 18, 2026

The Honorable Mark Takano
Ranking Member, House Committee on Veterans' Affairs
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ranking Member Takano:

The Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) supports H.R. 5723, the "Fraud Reduction And Uncovering Deception (FRAUD) in VA Disability Exams Act," and thanks you for introducing this legislation. By requiring the Department of Veterans Affairs to establish processes for identifying and reporting suspected fraud in disability benefit questionnaire submissions, this bill protects the integrity of the disability claims system on which legitimate sea service claimants depend.

The integrity of the disability claims process is inseparable from public confidence in the benefits it delivers. When bad actors exploit disability benefit questionnaires for commercial gain, they corrode trust, increase scrutiny on honest claimants, and divert VA capacity away from the veterans who need it. Equipping VA claims personnel with the tools and the duty to flag fraudulent activity to the Office of Inspector General is a proportionate, system-protective measure that does not penalize, slow, or burden legitimate claims.

FRA urges passage of H.R. 5723 with attention to the technical concerns raised by accredited veteran representatives so that the bill's enforcement provisions cannot be misapplied against unwitting claimants. For more information, please contact Theo Lawson, Director of Legislative Programs, at TheoL@fra.org.

Sincerely,

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