



May 18, 2026

The Honorable Tom Barrett
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Barrett:

The Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) supports H.R. 7083, the "CRUISE Act," and thanks you for introducing this legislation. This bill's improvements to the process for making payments to disabled veterans directly advance FRA's 2026 Legislative Pillar on disability compensation reform, which prioritizes transparency, accuracy, and the timely delivery of earned benefits.

Sea service veterans rated for service-connected disabilities depend on a payment process that is dependable, predictable, and accurate. Errors and delays in that process do not merely inconvenience; they compound financial stress, complicate medical care, and erode trust in the Department of Veterans Affairs at the very moment a veteran is most reliant on it. The CRUISE Act addresses these failure points within the existing compensation framework, without reducing benefits, restricting eligibility, or imposing offsets on the disabled veterans it serves.

FRA urges advancement of H.R. 7083 in its current form, without amendments that would dilute its payment process protections or condition them on unrelated cost offsets. For more information, please contact Theo Lawson, Director of Legislative Programs, at TheoL@fra.org.

Sincerely,

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