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The Honorable Edward Markey
U.S. House of Representatives
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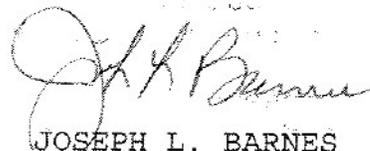
Dear Congressman Markey:

It is an honor and a privilege for the Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) to join you and your colleagues in support of the Crosby-Puller Combat Wounds Compensation Act (H.R. 771). Many service members are returning from combat with injuries that will forever change their lives. With those adjustments come unexpected expenses not covered in a medical environment, and we must never forget the wounds forcing these changes were sustained in service to our nation.

Allowing service members to continue receiving certain special pays, tax exclusions and allowances associated with such service while recovering from their wounds will help ease the financial burden associated with the healing process.

The Association salutes your leadership in addressing this issue and appreciates your support for the men and women defending our Nation. FRA stands ready to assist you and your staff to ensure passage of this important legislation.

Sincerely,



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