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The Honorable Jon Tester
Ranking Member
Committee on Veterans' Affairs
United States Senate
311 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

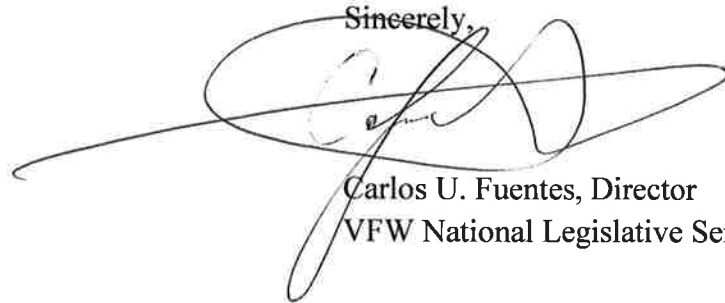
Dear Ranking Member Tester:

On behalf of the men and women of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) and its Auxiliary, we are proud to offer our support for the *Retired Pay Restoration Act*.

In 2004, Congress passed legislation that allowed a gradual phase-in of full concurrent receipt (CR) of military retirement pay and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) disability for those with 20 or more years of service and a 50 percent or higher VA disability rating. Unfortunately, it did not include those retirees with a disability rating of 40% and below or those medically retired under Chapter 61. Your legislation would provide an equitable fix by providing CR to all those affected by the offset, and realize VFW Resolution #416 which calls for legislation that would end the offset for all military retirees regardless of VA disability rating.

We appreciate your leadership on this issue and thank you for introducing this legislation. We appreciate your commitment to America's military and veterans and look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,



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