SAMPLE LEGISLATIVE THANK YOU LETTER

Members of Congress receive a lot of negative complaint letters after nearly every action they take on legislative matters. If your legislator voted as you wanted him or her to vote, sponsored a bill you requested they sponsor or opposed a matter detrimental to disabled veterans and their families, take a few minutes to write and send a short thank-you note (especially if you previously wrote a letter expressing your opinion):

Dear Senator (or Representative) [last name]:

As a DAV (Disabled American Veterans) member living in your district/state, I want to thank you for [introducing/sponsoring/voting for] [the title and/or bill number] to improve the lives of our nation's wounded, ill and injured veterans.

For nearly 100 years, DAV has been dedicated to one single purpose, empowering our nation's ill and injured veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity. [Bill number and/or title of bill] supports our mission and improves the lives of disabled veterans around the country.

Thank you again for your efforts on behalf of veterans who've sacrificed for our nation, their families and survivors.

Sincerely,

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AS A SUPPORTER OF DAV (DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS), I STRONGLY ENDORSE THIS BILL AND URGENT YOU TO CO-SPONSOR AND WORK FOR ITS PASSAGE AT THE EARLIEST DATE. DISABLED VETERANS, AND ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO CANNOT WORK BUT CONSUME A GREATER SHARE OF EXPENSIVE HEALTH CARE RESOURCES THAN OTHER INDIVIDUALS, SHOULD NOT BE PENALIZED IN TRYING TO MAINTAIN THEIR STANDARD OF LIVING. WITHOUT A COLA IN 2016 THEIR LIMITED INCOMES WILL NOT BE SUFFICIENT TO PREVENT EROSION OF THEIR PERSONAL FINANCES.

PLEASE ADVISE ME OF THE ACTIONS YOU INTEND TO TAKE WITH RESPECT TO THIS IMPORTANT PROPOSAL.

SINCERELY,

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