SAMPLE EMAIL TO ELECTED OFFICIALS

Dear Senator (or Representative) [last name]:

As your constituent, I write to urge your support for passage of [bill number], a bill introduced by Representative [member's name], which would [describe what the bill would do and why]. Please advise me of the actions you intend to take with respect to this bill.

Dear [Elected Official Name]:

As your constituent, I write to ask that you support H.R. 1969, the Military and Veteran Caregiver Services Improvement Act of 2015.

This important measure would extend to all veterans with a serious service-connected injury or illness eligibility to participate in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) program of comprehensive assistance to family caregivers of such veterans. Under current law, such eligibility is limited to those veterans who incurred an injury, but not an illness, on or after September 11, 2001. According to a recent report by the RAND Corporation, Hidden Heroes: America’s Military Caregivers, the loving assistance provided by family caregivers saves taxpayers billions of dollars each year in health care costs, and enables millions of veterans to live at home rather than in institutions.

I strongly support this legislation and ask that you co-sponsor the bill and use your influence to advance the bill to a vote in the House.

Thank you for considering my views. I look forward to your response.