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The Honorable Walter Jones, Jr.
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Representative Jones:

The Military Coalition (TMC), a consortium of uniformed services and veterans associations representing more than 5 million current and former military service members and their families and survivors, is writing in support of H.R. 5441, a bill which extend the special survivor indemnity allowance to survivors of active duty military deaths. Your timely introduction of this bill will rectify an inexplicable exclusion created in the FY 2008 NDAA.

The Coalition has long sought reforms to the Survivor Benefit Program and the special survivor indemnity allowance was enacted to mitigate compensation offsets caused by receipt of VA Dependent Indemnity Compensation. The exclusion of active duty death survivors creates yet another inequity in our judgment. We commend your action to ensure the equitable treatment of all survivors of service connected deaths. The families of our service members most assuredly deserve this in light of their contributions to our nation. Thank you for your support.

The Military Coalition
(Signatures enclosed)

Air Force Association
Air Force Sergeants Association
Air Force Women Officers Associated
American Logistics Association
AMVETS (American Veterans)
Army Aviation Association of America
Association of Military Surgeons of the United States
Association of the United States Army
Chief Warrant Officer and Warrant Officer Association, U.S. Coast Guard
Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service, Inc.
Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States
Fleet Reserve Association
Gold Star Wives of America, Inc.
Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America
Marine Corps League
Marine Corps Reserve Association
Military Chaplains Association of the United States of America
Military Officers Association of America
Military Order of the Purple Heart
National Association for Uniformed Services
National Military Family Association
National Order of Battlefield Commissions
Naval Enlisted Reserve Association
Naval Reserve Association
Non Commissioned Officers Association
Reserve Officers Association
Society of Medical Consultants to the Armed Forces
The Retired Enlisted Association
United States Army Warrant Officers Association
United States Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Association
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
Veterans' Widows International Network