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The Honorable Barbra Boxer
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Loretta Sanchez
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Boxer and Representative Sanchez:

The Military Coalition (TMC), a consortium of nationally prominent military and veterans organizations, representing more 5.5 million members plus their families and survivors would like to thank you for sponsoring companion bills S. 387 and H.R. 791 respectively, legislation that requires the Department of Defense to implement Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA) for military service members. Most Federal employees already benefit from FSAs as well as over half the employees in the private sector. However, uniform service personnel have been denied use of this important tax benefit by DOD.

Implementation of FSAs in DOD has been a goal of the TMC for several years. These pre-tax accounts offer our military families a way to improve the management of their healthcare and child care expenses, a critical issue for those faced with multiple deployments. Enactment will send a clear signal to service members and their families that Congress recognizes their hardships and sacrifices.

The Military Coalition again thanks you for sponsoring the legislation to provide service members and their families an opportunity to take advantage of a tax benefit offered to the citizens of our country.

Sincerely,

The Military Coalition
(signatures enclosed)

Air Force Association
Air Force Sergeants Association
Air Force Women Officers Associated
AMVETS (American Veterans)
Army Aviation Association of America
Association of Military Surgeons of the United States
Association of the United States Army
Association of the United States Navy
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
Iraq & Afghanistan Veterans of America
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 Guard Association of the United States
National Military Family Association
Naval Enlisted Reserve Association
Non Commissioned Officers Association
Reserve Enlisted Association of the United States
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