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The Honorable Alan Grayson
United State House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Grayson:

The Military Coalition (TMC), a consortium of uniform services and veterans associations representing more than 5.5 million current and former service members and their families and survivors, writes to thank you for your leadership by introducing HR 4519 which will extend the Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance (SSIA) which is set to expire in October 2017.

As you know SSIA provides partial financial relief to widows and widowers of deceased military members in receipt Survivor Benefit Plan annuities which are offset by the receipt of Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) paid by the Veterans Administration.

The Coalition has been actively pursuing the repeal of this insidious "offset" for several years and SSIA has been proven to (a) provide limited financial relief for those affected; (b) to be a clear admission by Congress that the SBP/DIC offset is fundamentally unfair to survivors; and (c) a vehicle repealing the offset altogether.

The Military Coalition again thanks you for sponsoring this legislation to secure the continuation of this vital survivor benefit and encourages your colleagues to add their names as cosponsors.

Sincerely,
The Military Coalition (signatures attached)

Air Force Association
Air Force Sergeants Association
Air Force Women Officers Associated
AMVETS (American Veterans)
Army Aviation Association of America
AMSUS, the Society of Federal Health Professionals
Association of the United States Army
Association of the United States Navy
Chief Warrant & Warrant Officers Association, USCG
Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service, Inc.
Fleet Reserve Association
Gold Star Wives
Iraq & Afghanistan Veterans of America
Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America
Marine Corps Reserve Association
Military Officers Association of America
Military Order of the Purple Heart
National Association for Uniformed Services
National Guard Association of the United States
National Military Family Association
Non Commissioned Officers Association
Reserve Officers Association
The Military Chaplains Association of the United States of America
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
Vietnam Veterans of America