

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES AUXILIARY DISTRICT 8



Date: _____

Senator K. Gillibrand
Kenneth B. Keating Federal Office Bldg.
100 State Street, Rm 4195
Rochester, NY 14614

Subject: Tell Congress to Oppose Veterans' Benefit Cuts

Dear Senator Gillibrand:

As your constituent and a supporter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), I urge you to oppose the disability compensation offset provisions in the Take Care of America's Veterans Act.

While the bill contains many important provisions for veterans, caregivers, survivors, and military families, it would pay for those improvements by codifying previously proposed VA disability rating reductions for tinnitus and sleep apnea.

According to VA estimates, these changes could reduce veterans' disability compensation by approximately \$57 billion over ten years and affect up to 1.5 million veterans. These savings do not come from waste, fraud, abuse, or bureaucracy. They come directly from veterans.

Veterans' benefits are an earned obligation and part of the promise made through military service. Congress should Honor the Contract.

I respectfully urge you to remove the disability compensation offset provisions and identify alternative funding mechanisms that do not come at the expense of disabled veterans and their families.

A grateful nation pays its debts to veterans — it does not send them the invoice.

Loyally yours,

VFW Auxiliary Member _____