

September 29, 2011

The Honorable Kristen E. Gillibrand
United States Senate
531 Dirksen Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

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Dear Senator Gillibrand:

On behalf of the Fleet Reserve Association (FRA), I am writing to thank you for introducing legislation (S. 1629) that would reverse the VA's decision preventing "Blue Water Navy" military retirees and veterans from claiming presumptive status for diseases associated with Agent Orange exposure during the Vietnam War. This is a priority concern for our members.

The Association appreciates your strong leadership on this issue and stands ready to provide further assistance in advancing this legislation. The point of contact is John Davis, FRA's Director of Legislative Programs, at the above numbers or (john@fra.org).

Sincerely,

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