



CHAPTER NAME

an affiliate of

The Military Officers Association of America

The Honorable NAME

DATE

ADDRESS

Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Last Name,

As a new legislative year begins, I am writing to renew our organization's relationship with you.

MOAA is the nation's largest and most influential association of military officers. Our local Chapter has been an affiliate since YEAR. We continue to support MOAA's advocacy mission on behalf of the over 780,000 service members, retirees, their families, and surviving spouses who reside in Florida and the more than 10,000,000 nationwide.

You have received hundreds of emails and letters from our members throughout this past year raising our concerns on the impacts to earned benefits for those constituents that surfaced in both the President's Annual Budget Proposal and in the legislation introduced and voted on to enact the NDAA and the pending companion appropriations bills.

The growing budget pressures faced by the Department of Defense prompted their efforts to erode service-earned benefits through reduced pay raises, significant changes to housing allowances, and increased health care fees, as proposed by the President and which were incorporated in some fashion into the legislation for FY 2018.

While MOAA staff and grass-roots membership have successfully deflected some of those challenges, we will remain vigilant as the next decision on FY 2018 funding reaches the fourth potential government shutdown deadline on January 19th.

As military officers we take our lifelong obligation to the professional values of servant leadership and the principles of officership very seriously. Our advocacy is based on fulfilling that responsibility to protect the interests and welfare of the Nation and of the men and women who are serving and those who have served in uniform. ***That mission is our passion.***

We trust that you will consider our requests for action on your part, which will undoubtedly flow your way several times again this year, with the same desire to meet your obligations to those who are in the service to our nation as we express in our letters and emails to you.

Finally, I ask you and your colleagues to pass a full defense budget by the coming deadline of January 19th in order to adequately ***support the millions of service members, civilians, veterans, and military families who are serving or have served our great nation.***

Everything else should be on "the back burner" until this is done!

Sincerely,

Signature and Contact Info