

January 31, 2008

The Honorable Max Baucus
United States Senate
511 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Baucus,

On behalf of the 1.3 million members of the Disabled American Veterans, I thank you for your efforts with respect to the Economic Stimulus Act of 2008 as reported by the Senate Finance Committee.

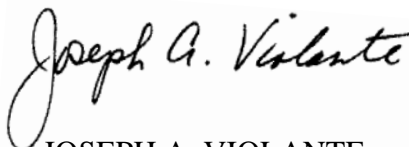
Under the House passed stimulus measure, many disabled veterans that rely on disability income *will not* be eligible for tax rebates. The House stimulus measure only permits veterans with taxable incomes that exceed \$3000 per year to qualify for rebates. Because disability benefits paid by the VA are not taxable, disabled veterans are left out of the House package.

In contrast, the Senate Finance Committee package would permit rebate checks of \$500 (\$1,000 for couples filing jointly, and an additional \$300 per child under the age of 17) to be sent to eligible persons with (1) a qualifying income that exceeds \$3,000; (2) social security benefits that exceed \$3,000; (3) veterans benefits that exceed \$3,000; or (4) a combination thereof.

We strongly urge all Senators to support the Finance Committee stimulus measure. The Finance Committee's stimulus measure will make sure that our nation's service-connected disabled veterans are not forgotten. The outcome of the Senate vote on this measure will be closely watched by disabled veterans and their families.

Thank you again for your efforts on behalf of America's disabled veterans and their families.

Sincerely,



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