

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

January 31, 2008

The Honorable Max Baucus
U.S. Senate
511 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Baucus,

On behalf of the 2.3 million men and women of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. (VFW) and our Auxiliaries, I would like to express our strong support for the provisions in the Economic Stimulus bill that would expand eligibility for the rebate checks to America's disabled veterans.

The proposed legislation would provide a \$500 rebate (\$1,000 for couples filing jointly, and an additional \$300 per child under the age of 17) to those individuals who, in part, have a taxable income above \$3,000. Veterans disability compensation payments, however, are not taxable income, and there are a number of veterans, especially those with the most severe disabilities, who rely on these compensation payments as their sole source of income. The Senate Finance Committee's proposal would extend this tax rebate to those veterans who receive benefits in excess of \$3,000, giving them equity with all other Americans.

We thank you for your efforts and foresight in moving this proposal through the Senate. We would urge your colleagues in the Senate to support this provision to ensure that this nation's service-connected disabled veterans receive the same benefits as all other Americans. We look forward to working with you to ensure this provision's success.

Sincerely,



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