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The Honorable Jason Chaffetz Rayburn House Office Building United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Chaffetz:

The Military Coalition (TMC), a consortium of 33 uniformed services and veterans associations representing more than 5.5 million current and former servicemembers and their families and survivors, wishes to extend our most sincere support of your bill, H.R. 1770, which will remedy a longstanding inequity in the calculation of survivor annuities of reserve personnel killed while performing inactive duty training. We strongly believe the calculation should be the same for reservists as it is for active duty members; they are performing a military duty at the time of their death.

The 11th Quadrennial Review of Military Compensation highlighted this issue in June 2012 and your bill does the right thing for our dedicated men and women. The Coalition thanks you for your leadership on an issue that will have a profound, lasting impact on survivors and their families. We look forward to enactment of H.R. 1770 at the earliest opportunity this year.

Thank you for your support of those serving our great nation.

Sincerely,

The Military Coalition (signatures enclosed)

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