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The Honorable Sherrod Brown
United States Senate
713 Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Brown:

On behalf of the 2 million members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) and our Auxiliaries, we are pleased to support S. 3052. A bill that would require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide notice to veterans and other claimants that relevant services may be available from veterans service organizations.

As VA developed and implemented its claims processing systems, it failed to include important information to veterans about public and private organizations which have been approved by VA to assist veterans. S. 3052 would require VA to provide adequate notice to veterans filing electronic and paper claims that they have options for assistance from VA approved organizations before submitting the claims. The VFW is a leading provider of these services to veterans.

Thank you for continuing to take the lead on this initiative, and for your continued support to the men and woman who have served our nation. We look forward to working with you to advance this critical initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Manar".

Gerald T. Manar, Deputy Director
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