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Honorable Matt Salmon
U.S. House of Representatives
2349 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Salmon:

On behalf of the 2.4 million members of The American Legion, I would like to express our strong support for your house resolution that would fund the compensation, pension benefits, readjustment benefits, veterans insurance and indemnities, veterans housing benefits, and vocational rehabilitation benefits, provided for under title 38, United States Code, for the programs administered at the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) under a continuing resolution until January 1, 2015.

Congress has an obligation to put veterans ahead of politics, and the fact that funding for VA benefits could disappear in a month ought to be incentive enough for our elected leaders to achieve a solution. These programs are vital to our veteran community and need to be funded immediately, and without interruption. Our federal government must never put veterans in this kind of position, it is imperative that Congress understands that The American Legion strongly objects to the cessation of any VA benefits, or services, that put our country's veterans and loved ones at risk.

The American Legion applauds you for the priority that you are placing on this nation's service members and veterans, by tackling the challenge of funding these vital programs. We stand with you in your efforts to pass meaningful appropriations that support veterans programs.

Thank you for your support of our nation's service members, veterans, and their families.

Sincerely,

DANIEL M. DELLINGER
National Commander