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REP. JOHN JOSEPH MOAKLEY,

VETERANS DON'T WANT TO SADDLE FUTURE GENERATIONS WITH MASSIVE
 FEDERAL DEBT. BUT THEY DO WANT TO BE TREATED FAIRLY. THAT INCLUDES
 CONGRESSIONAL EFFORTS TO PUT AMERICA'S FINANCIAL HOUSE IN ORDER.

AS ONE OF MORE THAN 1.2 MILLION MEMBERS OF THE DISABLED AMERICAN
 VETERANS AND AUXILIARY, I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO OPPOSE THE FOLLOWING
 PROPOSALS THAT UNFAIRLY TARGET VETERANS' PROGRAMS FOR SPENDING CUTS:

- * REENACT COMPENSATION TERMINATION PROVISIONS TO INCOMPETENT
 VETERANS WITHOUT SURVIVORS WHEN THEIR ESTATE REACHES \$25,000.
- * ROUND DOWN FUTURE COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS (COLA) FOR
 DISABILITY COMPENSATION AND SURVIVORS' BENEFITS AND REDUCE COLA
 BY ONE-HALF FOR OLD LAW DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION
 RECIPIENTS.
- * INCREASE AND MAKE PERMANENT PRESCRIPTION CO-PAYMENTS.
- * PERMANENTLY REDUCE THE G.I. BILL COLA BY ONE-HALF.

PARTICULARLY OFFENSIVE IS THE PROPOSAL TO DEPRIVE VETERANS
 OF COMPENSATION MERELY BECAUSE THEIR DISABILITY IS MENTAL. IT IS
 UNCONSCIONABLE TO VISIT THIS DISCRIMINATORY BURDEN UPON AN
 ALREADY DISADVANTAGED CLASS OF VETERANS.

THE COMMITTEE'S PLAN ALSO UNFAIRLY REDUCES COST-OF-LIVING
 ADJUSTMENTS FOR DISABILITY COMPENSATION PAID TO VETERANS AND
 DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION PAYMENTS TO THEIR WIDOWS
 AND SURVIVORS WHILE ALLOWING ALL OTHER FEDERAL BENEFICIARIES TO
 RECEIVE FULL COLAS. IF SOCIAL SECURITY IS OFF THE BUDGET-CUTTING
 TABLE BECAUSE BENEFICIARIES HAVE "PAID INTO THE SYSTEM," THEN
 SURELY VETERANS' PROGRAMS SHOULD BE TREATED NO LESS FAVORABLY
 BECAUSE VETERANS HAVE CONTRIBUTED THEIR FAIR SHARE IN BLOOD AND
 SACRIFICE IN DEFENSE OF THIS NATION'S SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND
 POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS. I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR REPLY.

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