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Thank you for contacting my office concerning the new "double dipping" law. \$\$I apologize for my delay in responding(.)\$\$

The so-called "double dipping" legislation, actually Section 301 of P.L. 97-253, states that military personnel will have their retirement COLA deducted from their federal pay, in effect cancelling any cost-of-living increase they may get.

The law itself is part of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act. Congress devised it in an effort to stay within their budgetary constraints. Apparently, the fact that the federal government is paying retired military personnel in effect twice, i.e., a salary and a retirement pension, was perceived as an excess.

I understand the frustration you must feel, especially given today's impossible economic situation and the need for supplemental income. I sympathize with your feeling of injustice and assure you that I will continue to work on behalf of federal employees and will make every effort to ensure that deserved compensation is granted.

Thank you again for your letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further service to you.