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On behalf of the more than 100,000 members of the Association of the United States Army, I write to thank you for introducing amendment 1515 to S. 1390, FY 2010 Defense Authorization Bill. This amendment would repeal the law which requires the reduction in the Department of Defense Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) annuity for payment received under the Veterans Affairs Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) program.

Repeal of this tax on military survivors is a long time goal of the Association of the U.S. Army and its partner organizations in the Military Coalition, and I urge other senators to cosponsor this important amendment.

Sincerely,

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