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Honorable Randy Forbes
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Dear Mr. Forbes:

On behalf of the members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH), whose membership is comprised entirely of combat wounded veterans, I am pleased to inform you that MOPH is in total support of H. Resolution 441. This legislation "Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that further reduction to core national security funding will cause significant harm to United States interests" is very timely and very much on target.

History indicates that after each war/conflict that our country engaged in, there's always been a movement to gain savings by reducing the defense budget. History has also proved that this scenario has cost more in the long run, because when a new conflict occurs, America has to re-tool and play catch up.

While MOPH is very much in favor of getting our country's financial house in order, MOPH is against putting this country's national defense in jeopardy and opposes any reduction to the Department of Defense's budget that would be opposed by the Departments and the Leaders of the Armed Forces of the United States.

You may count on the support of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and thank you for your leadership on this very important issue.

Respectfully,

William R. Hutton
National Commander