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To: Interested 10th District Citizens
From: Rep. Frank R. Wolf *FRW*
Date: April 19, 2007
Re: Combat Zone Tax Parity Act

Knowing of your interest in federal benefit issues, I wanted to let you know that today I introduced the Federal Employee Combat Zone Tax Parity Act, along with my colleagues Rep. Steny Hoyer, Rep. Tom Davis and Rep. Jim Moran among others. Senator Warner is introducing an identical bill in the Senate.

The Federal Employee Combat Zone Tax Parity Act would provide parity by extending the tax credit currently received by military personnel to the civilian federal employees working along side them. It is only fair that both military and civilian employees who are serving side by side receive the same tax treatment. In fact, even contract employees can get a tax break through the foreign earned income tax exclusion, but federal employees are specifically exempted from that benefit.

We are asking federal employees to take on more and more responsibility every day. They are on the ground in the war on terrorism taking over new roles to relieve military personnel of tasks civilian employees can perform. They are all playing a vital role in keeping us safe and deserve to be treated with respect and fairness.

Please be assured that I will work with my colleagues to pass this meritorious legislation.

Best wishes.