



February 8, 2018

The Honorable Tom Rooney  
United States House of Representatives  
2160 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Rooney:

On behalf of the nearly 1.7 million members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) and its Auxiliary, I would like to offer our support for H.R. 506, the *Preventing Crimes Against Veterans Act of 2017*, which would strengthen the legal penalties for individuals who knowingly engage in any scheme to defraud veterans of their benefits.

The American military community, including our service members, veterans, survivors, and their families, face unique financial challenges that their civilian counterparts do not. In recent years, our elderly, severely disabled, and low-income veterans have been the target of individuals who wish to exploit their financial, mental, and physical circumstances by charging them for Aid and Attendance or Compensation and Pension claims assistance.

Our veterans and survivors deserve better. We support closing the dangerous loophole that allows for this type of unethical and immoral behavior to thrive, and ensure that those who seek to take advantage of our nation's heroes are subject to stiff legal penalties.

The VFW looks forward to working with you and your staff to ensure the passage of this important legislation. Thank you for your continued support of America's veterans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carlos U. Fuentes".

Carlos U. Fuentes, Director  
VFW National Legislative Service

**NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.**