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The Honorable Josh Shockley
United States Senate (or House of Representatives)
Washington, D.C. 20510 (or 20515 for the House)

Dear Senator (or Representative) Shockley,

I urge you to support H.R. 879, the "Military Retirees Healthcare Protection Act." This bill would establish the principle that it is Congress' responsibility, not the Pentagon's to establish when and by how much military health care fees will be increased.

In recent years, DoD has repeatedly sought to significantly increase fees for TRICARE in order to reduce its expenditures. Unfortunately, they would do so at the expense of people like me who have served full military careers, fought in wars, faced long-term separations from my family, and lived extraordinarily challenging lives. Congress needs to stop DoD's plans as a matter principle and national gratitude—rather than viewing we military retirees as a budgetary burden. Frankly, I was promised this benefit, I earned it, and DoD's plans would have a significant negative impact on my family's finances. I need your help to stop DoD's plans.

In short, Senator (or "Representative") Shockley, as a voter I urge you to support H.R. 579 now. I anxiously await your response to this letter so I know where you stand on this critical issue.

Respectfully,

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