



June 5, 2020

Hon. Michael Bennet  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Senator Bennet:

I am writing you today as President of the United Veterans Coalition of Colorado, which represents over 400,000 Colorado veterans, to ask you to cosponsor and support passage of S.3393, the Major Richard Star Act. This bill would allow combat-disabled veterans service retirees with fewer than 20 years of creditable service to concurrently receive without reduction veterans' disability and retirement pay or combat related compensation. Passage of S.3393 would end the unjust practice for these veterans to endure a dollar for dollar offset of benefits they need to provide for their families.

We are still a nation at war. With troops actively engaged in Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria, and in 167 other countries around the world, it is service members and their families who have selflessly borne the burden of defending America. They are the ones left with the scars of war, seen and unseen. They must not be forced to sacrifice their earned benefits.

Please do not allow Congress to balance the federal budget on the backs of those who have dedicated their career to military service. Military retirement pay and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) disability compensation are earned for different reasons. It is unjust to reduce the benefits of military retirees based on the percentage of service-connected disabilities.

As President of the United Veterans Coalition of Colorado, I urge you to cosponsor S.3393, the Major Richard Star Act, which would end this unfair offset between military retirement and VA disability compensation. These are benefits earned through tireless and honorable service to our county. Pay those who served what they deserve!

Sincerely,

Dennis Orr  
President, United Veterans Coalition of Colorado  
USAF, Captain (Fmr)



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Hon. Ed Perlmutter  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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