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This information is about where the **Major Richard Star Act** is in Congress. I am encouraging all Auxiliary members to write to their Legislators to support this act. I am including a generic letter for everyone to send to their Legislator. You even can have family and community members send this letter, too.

Major Richard Star Act | H.R. 2102 There was a petition that reached 218 signatures, with Rep. Nancy Mace of South Carolina helping secure the final signature before the deadline. That was a major gain for our team. We are now waiting for word on when the House may call a vote. They will return November 13th, 2026 before the end of the 119th congressional session.

In the meantime, **keep the pressure on**. Contact your representative and urge support for a clean Major Richard Star Act. Every call and letter helps us make yardage. You may adapt the attached sample letter to fit the sender and audience. Remember to be respectful when talking with your representatives.

H.R. 2102, known as the **Major Richard Star Act**, is a bipartisan bill in the U.S. Congress that allows combat-injured veterans to receive full military retirement pay and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) disability compensation concurrently without any offset.

Key Details of the Bill

The Offset Issue: Under current law, medically retired veterans with combat-related disabilities and fewer than 20 years of service have their military retirement pay reduced dollar-for-dollar by the amount of disability compensation they receive from the VA.

The Solution: H.R. 2102 eliminates this reduction (often called the "wounded veteran tax") for Chapter 61 disability retirees with combat-related conditions, regardless of their number of years in service.

Impact: The legislation is estimated to benefit roughly 54,000 combat-wounded veterans nationwide.

Current Status

- **Sponsors:** The House bill (H.R. 2102), originally introduced by Representative Gus Bilirakis (R-FL), has accumulated massive bipartisan support with over 330 cosponsors. Its Senate companion is S. 1032.
- **Discharge Petition:** Supporters and veteran service organizations successfully pushed Discharge Petition No. 22 past the required 218 signatures to bypass committee hurdles and force a direct vote on the House floor.

I AM ASKING THAT AUXILIARY MEMBERS TO SEND THIS LETTER TO THEIR LEGISLATORS SO THE MAJOR RICHARD STAR ACT PASSES CONGRESS.

If you have any questions please contact me.

Thank you,

Wanda Mix, 2026 - 2027 Legislative Chairman