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Senator Max Baucus  
511 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Baucus:

On behalf of the 2.7 million members of The American Legion, I ask that you support the Economic Stimulus Act of 2008 as reported by the Senate Finance Committee.

Under stimulus measure passed by the House of Representatives, many disabled veterans that rely on disability income will not be eligible for tax rebates. The House stimulus measure only permits veterans with taxable incomes that exceed \$3,000 per year to qualify for rebates. Because Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) disability payments are not taxable, many disabled veterans, especially those who are severely disabled and have no other source of income other than VA compensation, are left out of the House package.

In contrast, the Senate Finance Committee package would permit rebate checks of \$500 (\$1,000 for couples filing jointly, and an additional \$300 per child under the age of 17) to be sent to eligible persons with (1) with qualifying income that exceeds \$3,000; (2) social security benefits that exceed \$3,000; (3) veterans benefits that exceed \$3,000; or (4) a combination thereof.

Again, The American Legion strongly urges you to support the Finance Committee stimulus measure. We consider any votes - including procedural votes pertaining to the Finance Committee measure - as "Key Votes."

Sincerely,

K. Robert Lewis, Chairman  
National Veterans Affairs and  
Rehabilitation Commission