



**Captain Cook  
Chapter**

March 27, 2012

Representative Bob Lynn  
Chairman, House State Affairs Committee  
State of Alaska Legislature  
State Capitol Room 108  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Lynn:

The Military Officers Association of America represents 370,000 members nationwide, advocating for active duty, service veterans, Guardsmen, Reservists and retired service members and their families in the areas of family issues, force levels, health care, retirement/survivor benefits and other veterans' issues. The Captain Cook Chapter is the local representative for MOAA and is a conduit for and by state members in support of veterans issues for Alaskan military, uniformed services and family members.

We are gratified to see our Alaska legislature in the vanguard of this effort to protect and honor a commitment made by the nation many years ago in a compact with the warriors who have borne, and continue to bear today, the heavy burden of service for their nation. Whether volunteer or draftee, the pact is valid and binding upon a nation of honor.

We are keenly appreciative of your efforts and fully support this initiative. MOAA's national legislative platform has consistently opposed military benefit changes that are inconsistent with service career sacrifices. HR 11 is fully consistent with MOAA's National Legislative Goals.

On behalf of all the uniformed services retirees in the State of Alaska, and on behalf of MOAA for those retirees nationwide, we thank you for your efforts.

Sincerely,

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