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Dear Senators Feinstein and Boxer, Congresswoman Sanchez, and President Obama,

I'm writing to urge you both to support S. 734, a bill that would repeal the SBP-DIC offset.

Under current law, the surviving spouse of an active or retired servicemember who dies from a service-caused condition is entitled to \$1215/mo in Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) from the Veteran's Administration. If the military retiree was also enrolled in the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP), DIC is deducted from the surviving spouse's SBP annuity.

This bill would repeal the offset of DIC payments from SBP annuities, in the belief that when service caused the death, the VA indemnity payment should be added to the normal SBP annuity, not subtracted from it.

Again, I urge you to cosponsor S. 734. I strongly support this goal, and hope you will do all that you can to see that it is enacted this year.

Veterans and Widows are counting on you do take action, force this bill to pass and be presented to President Obama for his signature.

Do you not think bringing this type of bill up over and over for six years and taking no serious action is enough?

So please, do the right thing by our Veterans and Widows!

Sincerely,

Jim Davis