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The Honourable Kent Hehr, MP  
Minister of Veterans Affairs  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Hehr,

I am writing to you in your capacity as Minister of Veterans Affairs on behalf of constituents in my riding and all Canadian veterans regarding the requirements and onerous paperwork applications for injured veterans. Guy Parent, in his capacity as Veterans Affairs Ombudsman, remarked last February to the Senate Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs:

*"Benefits are still too complex. After decades of layering regulations and policies one atop the other, without regard for how this might affect other benefits, the complexity is oftentimes byzantine in nature. Service delivery needs to become more Veteran-centric with a one-stop shopping approach."*

Many veterans who are not automatically receiving the increased compensation from 75 to 90 percent are feeling betrayed. The Ombudsman also said:

*"Specifically, to improve today for the most vulnerable Veterans, we need to increase the Earnings Loss Benefit (ELB) to 90 percent."*

Veterans have earned our respect and gratitude. The Ombudsman has submitted his report and it is up to the government to listen. The government must recognize Canada's moral, social, legal and financial covenant with veterans. I ask you to ensure that veterans receive the respect, support, care, and economic opportunities that they deserve and are entitled to. Establishing life-long financial security and compensation is a solid step in that direction.

Why are we not supporting all injured veterans? Why are some veterans currently on Long Term Disability not qualified to receive this necessary increased benefit? These are some of the questions veterans residing in my riding would like to have answers to.

I thank you for your attention to these issues and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alistair MacGregor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Alistair" being more prominent than the last name "MacGregor".

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