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The Honorable José Serrano
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

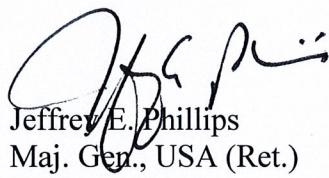
Dear Congressman José Serrano:

The Reserve Officers Association of the United States supports H.R. 569, “Reserve Retirement Deployment Credit Correction Act” to make retroactive the calculation from January 8, 2008 to October 7, 2001 for qualifying active duty or active service days for the Ready Reserve to reduce their eligibility age for receipt of retired pay for non-regular service.

ROA believes Ready Reservists should receive credit for active duty or active service days since the beginning of the war on terror when their deployments and usage increased significantly. By mid-March 2017 over 940,000 Guard and Reserve contributed Title 10 contingency support for Iraq and Afghanistan yet 92,673 do not receive credit for early retirement (DoD Release No: 0022-07, January 9, 2008). This simple change to Title 10 would recognize the increased usage of the Reserve Components and allow all servicemembers who were called to the line of duty to receive credit for their service.

ROA has a membership of 50,000 and is the only national military association that exclusively supports all the uniformed reserve components of the United States. Thank you for your efforts on this issue, and your support of our veterans. Please have your staff call Susan Lukas, ROA’s legislative director, at 202-646-7713 or e-mail at slukas@roa.org with any question or issue you would like to discuss.

Sincerely,



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Thank you for your leadership!