

# VFW Legislative Alert: Keep Pressure on Congress to Eliminate COLA Penalty

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Background: Congress passed a spending bill to fund the federal government for the remainder of FY 2014 -- the package contains a provision that will repeal the COLA penalty for Chapter 61 medical retirees, as well as thousands of Survivor Benefits Program recipients, but it does not include more than 800,000 military retirees under age 62.

"The Omnibus Bill doesn't go far enough to protect the earned retirement benefit of all military retirees," said VFW National Commander Bill Thien, "and the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States will continue to work to fix this injustice."

Action Needed: Call and email your legislators today. Tell them that the appropriations omnibus package doesn't go far enough to protect ALL retirees from the one percent COLA reduction, and to support legislation that will provide full and immediate repeal of the COLA penalty.

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