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The Honorable Senator Schatz
United States Senate
Washington DC 20002

Dear Senator Schatz,

The Air Marshal Association is proud to stand with you in support of the 'Kenneth Meisel Public Servants Claimant Fairness Act.

In September 2020, Senior Federal Air Marshal Ken Meisel contracted COVID-19 while assigned to critical antiterrorism missions aboard US aircraft. He became gravely ill during treatment, and ultimately succumbed to the virus. While we assisted his widow with obtaining death benefits following the loss of her husband, it became apparent that the 30 day documentation requirement for OWCP claims was unreasonable, unrealistic, and placed yet another burden on a family already grieving their loss. This bill extends the filing deadline from 30 days to 60 days to safeguard these important survivor benefits and increase government efficiency. Although the Air Marshal Association led the effort for this change following the tragic loss of one of their own, the issue at hand affects all federal employees equally.

Thank you for your longstanding support of Federal Air Marshals, and all government employees.

On behalf of the Air Marshal Association Executive Board

Sincerely,

John Casaretti - President
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