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To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Wrongful State Court Divorce Award of Earned Veteran's Disability Compensation

As President of Gamewardens of Vietnam, Inc., a national veteran's membership non-profit organization consisting of former Navy personnel of the River Patrol Force, TF 116, Vietnam, I fully support the efforts of Mr. Jere Beery and Mr. Dale Van Luven in their resistance to the award of their earned Veterans Administration disability compensation in a divorce settlement. Beery and Van Luven are fully within their rights to fight this violation of Federal Law.

A review of the Texas law code reveals that, even though a court may treat disposable retired pay as property of the member and spouse, the court may not include pay waived as veteran's disability benefits. The Texas law follows U. S. Code in this exemption. Other states must have the same exemptions. The Federal law is clear in that disability compensation is not divisible.

Jere Beery was a member of TF 116 in Vietnam in 1968 and was severely wounded while a member of a PBR patrol. Beery earned his VA disability compensation the hard way. He nearly gave his life for his country. His position of protecting veteran's rights is applauded by Gamewardens of Vietnam.

Gamewardens of Vietnam joins Beery and Van Luven in their protection of VA disability compensation. Gamewardens further asks that other Veterans Service Organizations step forward and get involved in helping our veterans retain the rights assigned them for their service to the United States.

It is wrong for State courts to assign divorce alimony from the VA awarded disability compensation to that settlement.

Respectfully,

John Woody

I fully support this letter,

President

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Gamewardens of Vietnam, member

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\* Before sending this letter to any States Official, Please, review [US CODE: Title 38,5301. Nonassignability and exempt status of benefits concerning the legality of attaching Earned VA Disability compensation](#) as being subject to inclusion or exclusion in divorce settlements.