

February 6, 2019

The Honorable Steve Daines  
320 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Daines:

On behalf of the managers and supervisors currently serving our nation in the federal government and whose interests are represented by the Federal Managers Association (FMA), I write to strongly support the TRICARE Reserve Select Improvement Act (S. 164). Your legislation offers federal employees who serve in the reserves fairness to choose what health plan is best for themselves and their families.

Currently, if a member of the U.S. military reserves is working in a non-federal employee job, they can opt to enroll in TRICARE Reserve Select (TRS). However, a federal employee who serves in the reserves is not eligible to enroll in TRS and is required to enroll in the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program (FEHBP). FMA proudly supports FEHBP and considers it a gold standard health plan. However, we argue federal employees who serve in the reserves should have the option to enroll in TRS to meet their health insurance needs.

FMA supported your efforts on this issue in the previous Congress, and are proud to support S. 164. Your bill supports federal employees who serve our country in multiple ways by allowing more flexibility. Thank you for your leadership on this issue. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact FMA's Government Affairs Director Greg Stanford at [gstanford@fedmanagers.org](mailto:gstanford@fedmanagers.org) or (703) 683-8700.

Sincerely,



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