**It’s official:** California is no longer among states that fully tax Veterans’ military retirement pay. A provision in the 2025 California budget bill ensures Veterans receiving retirement pay will be able to exclude up to $20,000 of their income each year—starting tax year 2025—from state income taxes. Families receiving payments under the DOD Survivor Benefit Plan will also benefit.

Hope all is going well with you.

Be safe, George

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