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SUBJECT: Support A Congressional Hearing on Toxic Exposure from Open Air Burn Pits

(You can locate your member of Congress at the following link, <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members>)

My name is _____ and I am a (*veteran, family member, other*) who resides in your district. I am writing you to urge your office to support a congressional hearing on toxic exposure from open air burn pits in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Thousands of our service members have come back from Iraq and Afghanistan and have experienced a constellation of debilitating, chronic ailments. Many of them served around open air burn pits where thousands of pounds of trash was burned daily. Much of this trash was known to be toxic such as: plastics, batteries, paints and solvents, and much more. Despite the connection between our service members illnesses and the burn pits, they are being denied specialized healthcare, disability claims and death benefits at an extraordinarily high rate.

It is imperative that congress move to solve this problem so that service members, veterans, and their families get the support they need and are entitled to. Supporting a hearing is a first step towards making sure that happens.

I urge you or your staff to;

- 1) Publicly go on record drawing attention to the dangers of burn pits and the need for exposed veterans to receive specialized health care, compensation and death benefits.
- 2) Send a letter to the SVAC, HVAC and Armed Services Committees, ask for a public hearing to investigate the issue and allow impacted veterans to testify.
- 3) Co-sponsor the H.R. 6027-Family Member Access to Burn Pit Registry Act
- 4) Send a letter to VA Secretary Robert Wilkie, urging him to revise the VA disability criteria to address the respiratory issues faced by Veterans with Deployment-Related Lung disease already acknowledged and compensated by the Social Security Administration.

On behalf of the men and women who served our country in the post-9/11 wars, I ask you to join me in supporting a congressional hearing for war heroes dying as a result of deployment related airborne health hazards. The time for action is now.

Sincerely,

Name

Address

Email
