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If Veterans don't help Veterans, who will?

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HOW TO SEND OUT THIS LETTER

- 1) Never change the text of the letter adding personal comments which may deter from the content.
- 2) To send the letter out, click on this link: <http://capwiz.com/dav/dbq/officials/>
- 3) Type in your ZIP + 4, Click on GO
- 4) Click on "with one click"
- 5) Then Type in Veterans Benefits
- 6) Then select Veterans Affairs
- 7) Copy and Paste the Text into the large box
- 8) Complete all boxes of personal information
- 9) Click "Send Message"
- 10) Then if you choose forward to friend and family using their website.
- 11) DAV.org will then E-Mail you a copy confirming your E-Mail being sent.

If you prefer US Mail, then you will need to change the addressee for each member in your state.

If you fax, please fax to their STATE office not their DC office. They may be in DC at the time but it will be addressed even if by an aide. Eventually going into a pile for the member to read at a later time. Or they will fax to the location the member is currently at.

If you have any additional questions or have problems, please let us know!

I'd also like to ask each of you to take two additional steps and send our letter to both the House and Senate VA Chair persons.

We need to add a little punch to our efforts this is one added way we can do this.

Senate Chair: <http://www.veterans.senate.gov/contact-chairman.cfm>

House Chair: <http://veterans.house.gov/contact-us/have-question-form>

Thanks,

Jim

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Dear Senator (or Congressman) Name,

As your constituent and a member of Veterans-For-Change [VFC], an advocacy group for Veterans rights, benefits, and treatment, we bring to your attention the ever-increasing problem affecting Veterans and their families every day.

Blue Water Navy Veterans:

It appears that very few members of the United States Congress or the general public are aware of problems still faced by veterans of the Vietnam War.

Nearly half the surviving 100,000 members of the United States Navy and Fleet Marines who fought in Vietnam between 1962 and 1975 may currently be suffering disabilities from the effects of Agent Orange/dioxin.

Yet, these veterans are being denied all service-connected health care and disability compensation for these diseases.

There currently is legislation in the House of Representatives, HR-543, that would re-establish Agent Orange benefits for these individuals following their removal by the VA from coverage under the Agent Orange Act of 1991.

The VA removed them coverage because they did not have their "boots on ground" in Vietnam, as if the herbicide and its dioxin contaminant stayed completely out of the water and the air and off the thousands of tons of supplies that transited through Vietnam to the ships offshore. The likelihood of that is absolutely zero.

You can help these disabled veterans regain their earned benefits by supporting and guaranteeing that HR-543 The Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2013 be passed into law while these veterans are still alive.

Then to insure that this bill is passed in the Senate as it without any revisions!

Almost every single reply received from your office says we owe our Veterans a debt of Gratitude, isn't it time you actually show them the gratitude?

Isn't it time for every member of Congress to actually see to it that Veterans are taken care especially in light of their service and the fact they risked their lives so you could have your job?

Isn't it time to actually take care of our Military and Veterans and find other ways to cut waste, cut spending starting with the Pentagon, Congress, and other Government agencies?

We need Congress to take immediate action to truly support all Veterans. The statement, 'WE CAN'T WAIT' should be vocalized, practiced and shared for all Veterans, to demonstrate how much America should care for Veterans and how our Government should benefit all of them for serving their Country, while experiencing toxic treatments that have made the veterans ill, and caused their deaths. It has been said that "ACTIONS speak LOUDER than words..." Perhaps now is the time to truly take action and show our Veterans, "YES, WE CAN...WE CAN'T WAIT!" We are the United States of America. We are proud, and we support and service our Veterans who served so proudly to defend our Nation! Previously America was a country that moved forward with pride. We fought to preserve our country, our freedom and our military. The time is now to UNITE WITH OUR VETERANS, to move our veterans forward with the benefits they are entitled to receive. Please, let 2013 be the year to show veterans how much we support them and that America is united to service their needs, and the promises made during their military service.

Veterans are not interested in reading about what you have done in the past. WE MUST MOVE FORWARD! WE WANT AND DESERVE ACTION. We all want to know what you are going to do about this NOW AND IN THE FUTURE!

I truly look forward to your reply.

Respectfully,

Your Name
Address
Address
Phone # (if desired)