The Honorable Dick Durbin

U.S. Senate

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The Honorable Chuck Grassley

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The Honorable Jon Tester

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The Honorable Jerry Moran

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Dear Chairman Durbin, Chairman Tester, Ranking Member Grassley and Ranking Member Moran,

On behalf of the undersigned, which represent the interest and concerns of well over one million members of the Uniformed Services, their family members, retirees, and survivors, we are writing to commend you for including the *Camp Lejeune Justice Act* in the *Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxins Act of 2022*, the PACT Act, which was signed into law this summer.  Addressing toxic exposure has long been a top priority of our organizations and the Camp Lejeune Justice Act finally provides a path for judicial relief for the servicemembers, veterans and family members who were exposed to contaminated water at Camp Lejeune between 1953 and 1987.

We also appreciate your efforts to address our concerns about legal fees that have arisen since passage due to aggressive and predatory marketing from some law firms. The affected Camp Lejeune veterans and family members have waited decades for justice and these cases are complicated since the exposure occurred so many years ago. It is critical we ensure fair and reasonable legal fees for these veterans and their families, and afford these victims access to highly qualified legal representation that offers the best opportunity for success in their claims.

Therefore, we support the following legal fee structure to ensure veterans’ access to reasonable legal representation:

* 20 percent fee for claims settled in the initial administrative period (6 months); and,
* 33 and a third percent for all other claims not settled in the initial administrative period (6 months)

On behalf of our members, thank you for your service and advocacy for our nation’s servicemembers, veterans, and their families. We look forward to working together with your offices to address this important issue and help Camp Lejeune veterans and their families who suffered from the water contamination get the justice they deserve.

Sincerely,

[The Moral Compass Federation](https://www.moralcompassfederation.org/)

[Save Our Allies](https://saveourallies.org/)

[Joint Operation North Star](https://www.operationnorthstar.com/)

[Freedom Bird Foundation](https://www.freedombirds.org/)

[Ops Sacred Promise](https://opsacredpromise.org/)

[Special Operations Association of America](https://soaa.org/)

[Heart of an Ace](https://www.heartofanace.org/)

[Operation Recovery](https://operationrecovery.org/)

[Project Exodus Relief](https://www.proexodusrelief.com/)

[The Lifeline Foundation](https://www.thelifelinefoundation.org/)

[CEEC Church](https://ceec.church/)

[Task Force Argo](https://www.taskforceargo.com/)

[Flanders Fields](https://flandersfields.org/pages/afghanistan-effort)

[Operation 620](https://www.operation620.org/)

[AFG Free](https://www.afgfree.org/)

[Task Force Pineapple](http://ww25.taskforcepineapple.org/?subid1=20221217-0728-2708-8f3d-269ec7d6546b)

[NMRG Rescue Project](https://www.nmrg-rescue.org/)

[Rule 20](https://rule20.org/)

[Ukraine NGO Coordination Network](https://www.uncn.one/)

[React DC](https://www.reactdc.org/)

[The Veteran’s Education Project](https://veteranseducationproject.org/)

[The Independence Fund](https://independencefund.org/)