



Vietnam Veterans of America

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The Honorable Michael Enzi
379A Senate Russell Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Enzi,

This letter is sent on behalf of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Thomas J. Tori Chapter 421.

Your objection to the Blue Water Navy Bill HR-299 is an expression of no confidence to all the men and women that have served and will serve this country. It shows a lack of caring and respect that must be given to those who have suffered the consequences of war.

When we took the oath to serve, we all expected that those back home, especially the ones in public office, to have our backs. Your decision not to support bill 299 is a severe, insulting slap to all veterans.

Your reason for not supporting this bill is based on your belief that its implementation would be an unnecessary expense. I am sure that there have been items attached to this bill that can be challenged to be unnecessary in cost. Eliminate some of those attachments.

As soldiers we were responsible to follow orders and do our duty no matter where we were sent. We gave up so much, while 58,000+ made the ultimate sacrifice. You not supporting this bill is in essence, saying that Veteran care has a limit on its price tag. You need to convey that message to those who came home and are now suffering from ailments that are known to be a direct result of dioxins, including Agent Orange, that were constantly sprayed during the Vietnam War.

In closing I recommend that you visit our website, www.vva421.org, and take notice of what an American veteran is all about.

Respectfully,

Gene DiGiacomo
President, VVA Chapter 421

CC: President Donald Trump, Senator Andrew Lanza