

HONORING OUR PACT ACT: Delivering VA Benefits & Health Care to Toxic-Exposed Veterans



U.S. Senator Gary Peters

Named in honor of a veteran who died because of toxic exposure during his time in military service, the ***Sergeant First Class (SFC) Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act*** is historic legislation that U.S. Senator Gary Peters helped pass into law that will **deliver all generations of toxic-exposed veterans their long-overdue VA health care and benefits.**

Expands VA Health Care Eligibility

- **Expands** toxic-exposed veterans' access to VA health care
- **Extends** the period of health care enhanced eligibility for Post-9/11 combat veterans

Improves VA's Presumption Process

- **Creates** a framework for the establishment of future toxic exposure-related presumptions of service connection

Bolsters VA's Toxic Exposure Resources

- **Provides** every veteran a toxic exposure screening at VA medical appointments
- **Increases** toxic exposure-related education and training for VA health care and benefits personnel

Strengthens Toxic Exposure Research

- **Includes** studies on mortality of veterans who served in Southwest Asia during the Gulf War, Post-9/11 veterans' health trends, and veterans' cancer rates

Sets Up VA and Veterans For Success

- **Boosts** VA claims processing capacity
- **Extends** VA's workforce

EXPANDS VA HEALTH CARE TO MORE THAN **3.5 MILLION** TOXIC-EXPOSED AND POST-9/11 COMBAT VETERANS

ADDS **23** BURN PIT AND TOXIC EXPOSED-RELATED CONDITIONS TO VA'S PRESUMPTION LIST

EXPANDS LIST OF LOCATIONS RECOGNIZED AS BEING RELATED TO AGENT ORANGE EXPOSURE FROM SERVICE

(THAILAND, CAMBODIA, LAOS, GUAM, AMERICAN SAMOA & JOHNSTON ATOLL)