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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is [YOUR NAME]. During my military service, I was assigned the role of [JOB/MOS]. The duties and responsibilities of my [JOB/MOS] frequently exposed me to loud and potentially damaging sound levels. Since completing my service, I have noticed a significant decline in my ability to hear, and I believe this deterioration is directly attributable to the acoustic environments I was exposed to during my time in the military.

Prior to joining the military and taking on the role of [JOB/MOS], I had no issues with my hearing. I prided myself on having sharp auditory senses. However, the consistent exposure to gunfire, machinery, explosions, and other high-decibel sounds inherent in my [JOB/MOS] has had a lasting impact. Conversations have become harder to follow, and I often find myself asking others to repeat themselves. It has affected my social interactions and overall quality of life.

This decline in my hearing capabilities is not just an inconvenience; it's a testament to the sacrifices made during my service. I request that my hearing loss be recognized and taken into consideration, particularly with regard to the environments I faced in my military role as [JOB/MOS].

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

[YOUR NAME]