

From: "Rep. Takano" <reptakano@mail8.housecommunications.gov> To: lana.abbasi@mail.house.gov Subject: My PACT Act passed the House! Date: Thu, 03 Mar 2022 14:13:46 -0500 Congress finally recognized toxic exposure as a cost of war. Dear Alexander, Today, my bill, the Honoring our PACT Act, passed the House of Representatives. America's message to toxic-exposed servicemembers and veterans has long been simple – we thank you for your service, but the price tag for addressing the effects of your exposure is just too high. Today, after years of diligent input from toxic-exposed veterans, my colleagues, our staff, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs), Congress finally recognized toxic exposure as a cost of war. My bipartisan legislation addresses the full range of issues impacting toxic-exposed veterans including earned benefits and healthcare through VA. It will open up healthcare to over 3.5 million veterans exposed to toxic substances during their military service and finally concede exposure to burn pits and airborne hazards. It will also create presumptions for 23 respiratory illnesses and cancers, shifting the burden of proof away from our veterans. The Honoring our PACT Act has the strong support of 42 VSOs, the Biden-Harris Administration, and advocates Jon Stewart and John Feal. For too long, Congress and VA have been slow to act on toxic exposure – but today, the House took a bipartisan vote to change that. I look forward to working with Senator Tester to pass truly comprehensive legislation through the Senate and send it to the President's desk. Toxic-exposed veterans do not have time to wait. Was this email helpful? Yes ☐ No ☐ Select *By participating in this survey you are subscribing to Rep. Takano's newsletter. Sincerely, Mark Takano Member of Congress ■■■ Rep. Takano | 420 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, DC, DC 20515 [Unsubscribe {recipient's email}](#) [Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#) Sent by reptakano@mail8.housecommunications.gov THIS IS A TEST EMAIL ONLY. This email was sent by the author for the sole purpose of testing a draft message. If you believe you have received the message in error, please contact the author by replying to this message. Constant Contact takes reports of abuse very seriously. If you wish to report abuse, please forward this message to abuse@constantcontact.com.