

At least 1 million out of the 3.5 million Post-9/11 combat veterans exposed to toxic substances are unable to access VA care



Strengthens Federal Research on Toxic Exposure

- Requires VA to perform a mortality study on veterans who served in Southwest Asia during the Gulf War

- Directs a study on Post-9/11 veterans health trends

- Requires a study on veterans' cancer rates

- Mandates VA provide biennial reports on DOD's *Individual Longitudinal Exposure Record*

Bolsters VA's Ability to Link Toxic Exposure Conditions

- Provides every veteran a toxic exposure screening during VA medical visits

- Increases toxic exposure-related education and training for VA health care and benefits personnel

- Establishes VA reporting requirements on VA medical data to treat toxic exposure

- Mandates VA outreach program for toxic exposure veterans on VA care, benefits, and resources

HEALTH CARE FOR BURN PIT VETERANS ACT

Paying the cost of war

Chairman Jon Tester's bipartisan bill to **offer access to VA health care for every combat veteran** who served after November 1998 with a discharge date after September 11, 2001



Expands VA Health Care Eligibility

Increases the period of eligibility for VA health care for Post-9/11 combat veterans from five to 10 years following discharge, and creates a one-year open enrollment period for Post-9/11 combat veterans who did not enroll during their initial five years following discharge

