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Dear Members of Congress,

We, the undersigned organizations serving U.S. veterans, write to urge your support for the *Precision Brain Health Research Act of 2025*. While our missions span a range of issues affecting former service members, we are united in advocating for the strongest possible health care and suicide-prevention efforts for our nation's veterans.

We share this commitment because it reflects a solemn obligation to those who put their lives on the line to defend our country.

As Congress returns to work, we respectfully ask you to advance this vital legislation, which represents a major step forward in addressing brain-health issues among veterans and curbing the persistent tragedy of suicide.

The *Precision Brain Health Research Act of 2025* would direct federal research into the effects of **repetitive low-level blast exposures**—injuries that are both common in military service and strongly linked to suicidal ideation. An estimated **500,000 post-9/11 veterans** have experienced such brain injuries, yet the federal government has never comprehensively studied their long-term impact.

This legislation would:

- **Mandate a long-term health assessment** by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and Department of Defense (DoD) on the effects of low-level blast exposure.
- **Establish a data-sharing partnership** between VA and DoD to track the health of service members after they leave active duty.
- **Accelerate the adoption of effective treatments** across the VA health system.
- **Identify military specialties and units** with higher blast-injury risks, allowing for better prevention and mitigation.
- **Support research** to define the biological mechanisms and overpressure thresholds that cause microscopic brain damage.

The success of this effort rests on a foundation of quality data collection and analysis—capabilities now improving rapidly as both DoD and VA modernize their electronic-health-record systems. With seamless transfer of medical records from active service to veteran status finally within reach, this Act will ensure those systems are used to their fullest potential.

As Sen. Jerry Moran (R-Kan.), chairman of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, noted: *"This legislation will help us better understand why and how blast injuries are impacting veterans' mental health—and make certain VA is able to quickly incorporate these findings into care for veterans and enable them to receive an accurate diagnosis and treatment plan."*

President Harry S. Truman once said, *"Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid."*

By supporting and enacting this legislation, Congress can help balance that ledger. The need for action—and your leadership—has never been greater.

Sincerely,

Signatories

- **Frank Larkin**, Chair, Warrior Call
- **Jerry Brantley-Burgett**, Veteran
- **Morgan Brown**, National Legislative Director, Paralyzed Veterans of America
- **Brian Crawford**, President, The Last Best Hope on Earth Institute
- **John Cooper**, President, Defending America Foundation
- **Shannon Connell**, CEO, Invisible Wounds Foundation
- **George Landrith**, President, Frontiers of Freedom
- **Justin Leventhal**, Senior Economist, American Consumer Institute
- **Theo Lawson**, Legislative Director, Fleet Reserve Association
- **Jeffrey Mazzella**, President, Center for Individual Freedom
- **Betsey Mercado**, Executive Director, Objective Zero Foundation
- **David McIntosh**, President, Club for Growth
- **Anthony Principi**, Fourth Secretary, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- **Phil Kerpen**, President, American Commitment
- **Ben Keiser**, Co-Founder & Executive Chairman, We the Veterans & Military Families

- **Keith Hotle**, Stop Soldier Suicide
- **Bronwyn Howell**, Nonresident Senior Fellow, American Enterprise Institute
- **David Shulkin**, Ninth Secretary, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- **Denver Supinger**, Brain Injury Association of America
- **Charles Sauer**, President, Market Institute
- **Robert Spalding**, Brigadier General (Ret.), U.S. Air Force; Senior Fellow, Hudson Institute
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- **Mark Thomas**, Founder, Freedom & Prosperity Caucus
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