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*Congressman/Representitive\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,*

My name is  *(Title/Rank, Name)*  and I am a resident within your *\_#Congressional District\_\_\_\_\_\_,* therefore I feel it is appropriate to reach out to you and your office staff and request your support and co-sponsorship on both House Resolution(s) **6582** and **5671**.

 **H.R. 6582** – *Protection for Veterans’ Burn Pit Exposure Act of 2018*

 Introduced 07/26/2018 by Rep. Gus Bilirakis (R-FL-12)

 **H.R. 5671** – *Burn Pits Accountability Act of 2018*

 Introduced 05/01/2018 by Rep. Tulsi Gabbard (D-HI-2) and Rep. Brian Mast (R-FL-18)

Ongoing scientific research pertaining to veteran healthcare has been released and statistics support that roughly 3.5 million veterans who’ve served in combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan since 2001 have potentially been exposed to burn pits and other environmental toxins that have been identified to have adverse health effects. Congressman Bilirakis, Congressman Mast and Congresswoman Gabbard have taken initiatives to lead the charge in veteran healthcare advocacy which I believe is an important issue that affects not only myself but many others within your district.

Recently, Brigadier General Michael Heston (of Vermont) died at 54-years old from stage-4 pancreatic cancer which he began feeling symptoms of after returning from a 2011-2012 deployment to Afghanistan. BG Heston is one of many who have passed more likely than not, related to burn pit and combat-related exposures and many more continue to suffer with symptoms that are being ignored to inappropriately addressed.

Personally, I believe this is very important legislation and not much is being done on veteran healthcare and on behalf of the veteran population in relation to these exposures, therefore I am requesting you, Congressman\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to consider signing on to co-sponsor these two proposed house resolutions and lead along with those in supporting our nations veterans. I know our veterans can count on you. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your ongoing support and service.

Very Respectfully,

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