



November 8, 2017

Congressman Dave Brat
Congresswoman Dina Titus
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Brat and Titus,

Military-Veterans Advocacy (MVA) is a non-profit organization that works through litigation, legislation and education to advance rights and benefits for those who are serving or have served in the military. **We are writing to express our support for your work to curtail wasteful and unnecessary dog experimentation at the Department of Veterans Affairs.**

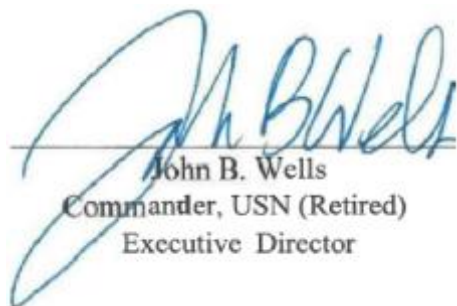
Right now, countless veterans are sick and dying because of harmful exposures to Agent Orange, burn pits and other toxins encountered within the scope of their military duties. Various legislative and other efforts to provide benefits, health care and research for these disabled veterans have been stymied, due in large part to cost concerns and VA intransigence.

While these veterans are suffering, the VA is expending significant time, money, staff, research space, and other resources to conduct and defend questionable dog experimentation that is opposed by most veterans, ineffective and has little to do with service-related disabilities.

VA's dog experimentation does not align with current veterans' health priorities or VA's legislative mandate to focus its research on service-related illnesses and injuries.

Thank you for your advocacy for veterans and leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,



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