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Mark Takano, Chairman

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11 VSOs Agree—It's time to pass Chairman Takano's Honoring our PACT Act

Comprehensive legislation to honor pact to address toxic exposures heads to House floor

WASHINGTON, D.C —Today, House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Chairman Mark Takano (D-Calif.) announced widespread Veteran Service Organization (VSO) support for the monumental [*Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act of 2021 or the Honoring our PACT Act*](#), which will come to a vote on the House floor when Congress is back in session next week. Leaders from the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. (VFW), Disabled American Veterans (DAV), The American Legion (TAL), Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA), Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA), Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA), Wounded Warrior Project (WWP), Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), Blinded Veterans Association (BVA), Minority Veterans of America (MVA), and Burn Pits 360 showcased their support for the comprehensive bipartisan package. The [*Honoring our PACT Act*](#) will finally recognize toxic exposure as a cost of war and currently has 94 cosponsors. Source: [11 VSOs Agree—It's time to pass Chairman Takano's Honoring our PACT Act | The House Committee on Veterans' Affairs](#)

HOUSE VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE HOST ONLINE BRIEFING

February 22, at 11 a.m. House Veterans' Affairs Chairman Mark Takano, D-Calif., holds an online briefing with toxic-exposed veterans, beginning at 11 a.m., to discuss "Human Impact of Toxic Exposure" and H.R.3967, the "Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act of 2021."

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Note: Register at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScG1cMda2bEB-OSB3Y4MuutdZG4ibzAFgWyjTMhCDr01Lr06g/viewform>

Participants:

- Kate Hendricks Thomas, toxic-exposed Marine veteran and advocate
- Jen Burch, toxic-exposed Air Force veteran and communications associate with the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America
- Jon Stewart, advocate and former host of "The Daily Show"