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MILITARY TOXIC EXPOSURE ACT OF 2015 INTRODUCED INTO THE HOUSE AND SENATE

(Washington, D.C.)--The Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America (AVVA) fully supports Bill S.901 and HR. 1769: Military Toxic Research and Exposure Act of 2015. "We are comforted that our Congressmen in Washington are hearing us loud and clear" says Sharon Hobbs, AVVA National President. This legislation will establish in the Department of Veteran Affairs a center for research on the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of the descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during their service in the Armed Forces and will establish an Advisory Board on such health conditions.

AVVA began holding Agent Orange Town Hall meetings in 2009 to educate and bring awareness to the effects of Agent Orange exposure on the veteran's offspring. Since that time, we have found countless illnesses and congenital anomalies that are repeated within the veteran community. "This bill brings a sense of relief for our veterans, their families, and to AVVA in the fact that exposure to toxic chemicals has affected our children and now something is being done about it." President Hobbs went on to say, "Our fight for justice on the toxic exposure issues has extended to assisting our Gulf War, Beirut, Iraqi, and Afghanistan veterans as well."

AVVA thanks Senators Jerry Moran (R-KS), Dick Blumenthal (D-CT), Representatives Dan Benishek (R-MI), and Mike Hoda (D-CA) for their sponsorship. Our children are the innocent victims of our veteran's service to America. We will forever be indebted to these Congressmen for introducing these bills. Please call or write your Senators and Representatives today and ask them to support HR. 1769 and S.901.

The Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America is an organization dedicated to addressing the issues affecting all veterans and their families.