

## TOXIC EXPOSURE COMMITTEE

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Over the last several months we have been working on the Toxic Exposure Research Act (TERA), Public Law 114-315, Sections 631 and 645. When the Acting Undersecretary for Benefits, Thomas Murphy, gave a report that it was not feasible to pursue, we began many discussions via ZOOM with our committee closely working with VVA. From these discussions, we initiated a fantastic idea to petition the VA Secretary, Denis McDonough, at the convention to review the law and follow the specific, written intent of TERA based upon NASEM's declaration of feasibility. This petition has been made available to both AVVA and VVA.

**PLEASE** go to our website, **AVVA.ORG** or **VVA.ORG** to download the petition. **IF** you do not feel that you are able to circuit, **PLEASE** click on the icon and sign your name electronically. The link is also shareable so share with as many that you can ...we need **ALL** of your efforts for our children as this battle is not over!!!