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**Chairman Takano Announces Full Committee Roundtable on Toxic Exposure**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**— Today, House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs Chairman Mark Takano (D-Calif) announced that the full Committee will host a roundtable on efforts to address toxic exposure next Wednesday, January 19 at 2:00 pm EST.

“It’s a new year, but I have not relented one bit on my promise to pass legislation to finally recognize toxic exposure as a cost of war this Congress. That’s why I’m grateful for the opportunity to host a roundtable next week to check in with Veterans Service Organizations and advocates on our efforts,” **said Chairman Takano**. “We made a promise to servicemembers when we sent them into harm’s way that we would care for them when they came home. The CBO estimate is in— we now know the true cost of that promise, and we cannot renege on our responsibility. When we go to war we don’t nickel and dime the Department of Defense, and we cannot try to pinch pennies when it comes to covering the care for toxic-exposed veterans. It’s time for us to hold up our end of the deal by passing my bipartisan *Honoring our PACT Act*.”

Representatives from 11 Veterans Service Organizations have been invited to discuss Chairman Takano’s bipartisan *Honoring our PACT Act*, which passed out of the Committee last summer and has 70 cosponsors. Veterans who wish to share their experience with toxic exposure with the Committee ahead of the roundtable can fill out [this survey](#).

Full Roundtable details

**WEDNESDAY, January 19, 2022**

**FULL COMMITTEE ROUNDTABLE — FULLY VIRTUAL**

**“The True Cost of our Promise to Toxic-Exposed Veterans”**

2:00 PM EST; [YouTube](#)