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The Honorable Joe Courtney  
United States House of Representatives  
2332 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Courtney:

AMVETS is pleased to support the Agent Orange Exposure Fairness Act. This year at the 2019 AMVETS National Convention, our members passed Draft Resolution 20-02 Expand Eligibility for Agent Orange Related Illnesses that addresses this same issue.

The Department of Veterans Affairs has listed 14 Agent Orange illnesses, affecting 2.2 million veterans who served in Vietnam and Thailand and thousands more in Korea. Chloracne, acute and sub-acute peripheral neuropathy and porphyria cutanea tarda, all on the list of 14 Agent Orange illnesses, currently have a cutoff date of only one year following exposure to Agent Orange.

It is unreasonable to require a veteran to provide documentation of when their symptoms began so long after the fact. AMVETS supports H.R. 566 because the bill would remove these one-year requirements from the three illnesses linked to Agent Orange exposure.

Sincerely,



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