



THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
WASHINGTON

October 25, 2017

The Honorable Jon Tester  
United States Senate  
Washington DC 20510

Dear Senator Tester:

Thank you for your September 22, 2017, letter to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) regarding Veterans exposed to Agent Orange. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to your concerns.

We are still evaluating the National Academy of Sciences' 2016 updated report titled Veterans and Agent Orange: Update 2014, and I intend to have a decision by November 1, 2017, regarding its assessment of several medical conditions.

Should you have any additional questions, please have a member of your staff contact Mr. Josh Quill, Congressional Relations Officer, at (202) 461-5702 or Joshua.Quill@va.gov. A similar letter has been sent to the other co-signers.

I appreciate your continued support of our Nation's Veterans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David J. Shulkin, M.D." with a stylized flourish at the end.

David J. Shulkin, M.D.