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The Honorable Chet Edwards
Chairman
Subcommittee on Military Construction,
Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

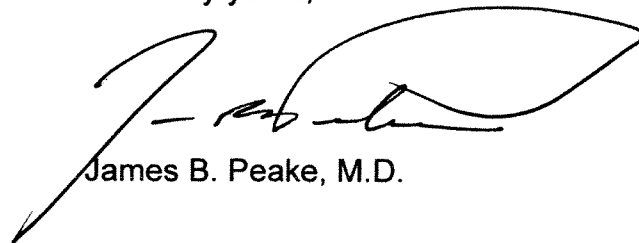
Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you very much for your letter regarding the needs of Gulf War veterans.

I am pleased to inform you the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will establish a Gulf War Veterans Advisory Committee to address issues related to treatment, benefits, and family support. My staff is drafting a proposed charter for my review within the next 10 days. I will keep you informed as we progress with the establishment of the Committee.

Thank you again for your interest in Gulf War veterans and your continued support for all our Nation's veterans.

Sincerely yours,



James B. Peake, M.D.

*I appreciate
the suggestion.
J.E.*