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Honorable Denis R. McDonough Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs 810 Vermont Avenue N.W. Washington, D.C. 20420

Dear Mr. Secretary:

This letter responds to your September 9, 2022 letter transmitting a spend plan for the execution of \$500 million fiscal year (FY) 2022 funds made available pursuant to Section 806 of the Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act of 2022, and the revisions to the spend plan submitted on September 22, 2022. This \$500 million was made available through the Cost of War Toxic Exposures Fund to support the initial implementation of the requirements of the PACT Act.

The Cost of War Toxic Exposures Fund was created in the PACT Act to address increased investments needed to support the delivery of health care, benefits, research, and other administrative expenses related to exposure to environmental hazards during active military service. The Committee has reviewed the revised spend plan and agrees that VA's plans are consistent with the purposes of the Fund. As such, the Committee approves VA's revised plan for obligating these resources.

> Debbie Wasserman Schultz Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies