

THE WHITE HOUSE

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Mr. Jack Bondurant
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Dear Jack:

Thank you for sharing your thoughts with me about the concerns of American veterans. Protecting and strengthening veterans benefits is one of my Administration's highest priorities.

Although America can never fully repay the debt of gratitude owed to our veterans, I am committed to fighting for the interests of those who have worn our nation's uniform.

To address the health concerns of a number of veterans who served in the Persian Gulf, I signed legislation providing compensation to chronically disabled veterans with an undiagnosed illness. I have also established a Presidential Advisory Committee to make recommendations aimed at finding the causes of this illness and improving the care available to Persian Gulf veterans.

Last year, Secretary Brown convened the first National Summit on Homelessness Among Veterans to help break the cycle of homelessness, and forty-four new or expanded programs have been approved at VA facilities nationwide.

I am working hard to champion the needs of the men and women who have served our nation. America will always remember the contributions and sacrifices of our proud veterans.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton