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Representative Herbert H. Bateman
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Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Representative Bateman:

In July, I buried my husband, GySgt. Harvey D. Corey, a retired Marine. His death was the result of 'Agent Orange'. He served in Vietnam in 1969 at the 1st Marine Air Wing, DaNang. Since his death, I have come in contact with others who have had loved ones pass on due to 'Agent Orange', or from Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome. I feel certain this can be just as devastating as any other illness.

Those of us who have cared for loved ones with sickness due to this terrible chemical feel these deaths should be given recognition the same as those wounded on the battlefield. Allow me to be honest. This was a terrible, unpopular and unnecessary war. Not only did these brave people serve their country, but so many died early painful deaths. Why can't we have some kind of closure?

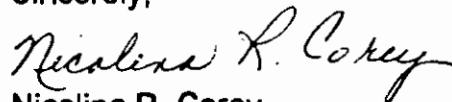
It is being suggested that a 3 foot by 3 foot Bronze Plaque be placed at ground level near the sidewalk linking the two statues opposite the vertex of the Vietnam War Memorial Wall. It would honor those men and women whose postwar deaths are a result of having served in Vietnam.

Again, I ask, are their deaths no more tragic than those who were wounded and died there?

We, who are working for this cause feel certain the money can be raised privately. What we are asking for is help in achieving this goal of a reality. Won't you please join and help us?

Thank you, in advance, for your concern and help.

Sincerely,



Nicolina R. Corey