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Honorable Carol Browner, Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
U.S. EPA Headquarters

Dear Administrator Browner:

I am writing to you in my capacity as Chairman of the Agent Orange Coordinating Council, a non-profit, non-funded organization of over twenty veterans groups attempting to bring restitution to the veterans exposed to Agent Orange (dioxin) and their families.

It has been reported to the Council that in the current reassessment of dioxin the issue of immunotoxicity has been downplayed. In particular, it may be the case that EPA intends to defer estimating the risk of immunological effects at certain dose levels, thus avoiding the problem of predicting immunological effects at doses lower than those which would cause cancer.

If this is the case, it would be a matter of deep concern to Vietnam veterans because of the excessive amount of above the norm of immunological effects in the Vietnam veteran population.

I would be grateful for your confirmation that the issue of the immune effects of dioxin is a priority to be studied by your task force.

Sincerely,

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