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The Honorable Jesse Brown
Secretary of Veterans' Affairs

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The purpose of this letter is to strongly endorse, on behalf of the members of the Agent Orange Coordinating Council, the recommendation of March 24, 1995, of the American Legion to you that prostate cancer be recognized as one of the diseases to be made compensable for Vietnam veterans.

Not only did prostate cancer fall into the same category as scientific evidence as other diseases authorized for compensation after the July 1993 National Academy of Sciences report, but, in addition, it seems tragic that the U.S. Government is lagging the forthright decision by the Government of Australia to recognize such a link.

Sincerely,

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