

Department of New Jersey
Marine Corps League

26 October 1992

The Hon. Rodney P. Frelinghuysen, Chairman
New Jersey General Assembly Appropriations Committee

Re: The New Jersey Agent Orange Commission

Dear Mr. Frelinghuysen:

For the more than 3,100 former, retired and active duty Marines comprising the membership of our Department; I'm writing to ask that you schedule public hearings as soon as possible on the supplemental appropriation (A1773) that will restore funding of \$440,000.00 to the Commission.

Without this funding, the Commission will be unable to complete its work, begun more than twelve years ago; and provide answers that so many of us who served in Vietnam have waited for all these years.

And, as well as bringing to a conclusion the previous research; this funding will also address the unanswered questions about birth defects in the children of Vietnam Veterans; questions which are just now receiving much deserved attention.

For our members and for all New Jerseyans who served in Vietnam; I ask that you make public hearings on this bill a priority so that it may be considered by the full Assembly just as its companion bill (S1011) is about to be voted upon by the New Jersey Senate.

Semper Fidelis;

Robert S. Applebaum
Commandant

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