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**COST of War Act (SVAC)**
- Honoring our PACT Act (HVAC)
- VA via rulemaking
- K2 Veterans Care Act of 2021
- Sen. Amendment to COST of War Act (S.A. ___)

### Expands VA healthcare to:

**YES:**
1. Any veteran who participated in a **toxic exposure risk activity** while serving on active duty, active duty for training, or inactive duty training. **toxic exposure** means: (A) A toxic exposure risk activity; or (B) An exposure to a toxic or hazardous substance that is subject to OSHA regulation. **toxic exposure risk activity means any activity**—that requires a corresponding entry in ILER, or that SecVA determines qualifies.
2. **Registry locations**: eligible for inclusion in the Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry (AH&OBP).
3. **Medals**: on or after August 2, 1990, was awarded any of the following: Afghanistan Campaign Medal (ACM); Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (AFEM); Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (GWOT-EM); Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal (IRCM); Iraq Campaign Medal (ICM); Southwest Asia Service Medal (SWASM).

**YES:**
- Toxic exposed veterans. **toxic exposure** includes: toxic exposure risk activity, as defined in 38 USC 1712(e)(4); or an exposure to a substance, chemical, airborne hazard specified in section 1119(b)(2) ([covered veterans for particulates, PAHs, VOCs, dioxins: (A) on or after August 2, 1990, performed active military, naval, or air service while assigned to a duty station in—Bahrain, Iraq, Kuwait; Oman; Qatar; Saudi Arabia; Somalia; or United Arab Emirates (UAE); or (B) on or after September 11, 2001, performed active military, naval, or air service while assigned to a duty station in—Afghanistan; Djibouti; Egypt; Jordan; Lebanon; Syria; Yemen, Uzbekistan; the Philippines; or any other country determined relevant by the SecVA.])
- Veterans who served at Karshi Khanabad Air Base (K2), Uzbekistan (January 1, 2001 - December 31, 2005), healthcare for any illness or disease for which the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) determines has a positive association, including a sufficient, limited, or suggestive association, with exposure to any of the following substances: jet fuel, VOCs, high levels of particulates from burn pits, depleted uranium (DU), asbestos, lead-based paint.

**Unclear**
- (If yes, covered veterans for the presumed exposure to particulates include Southwest Asia (SWA), Afghanistan, Uzbekistan during the PGW; and SWA after September 19, 2001)

**YES:**
- For veterans who served at Karshi Khanabad Air Base (K2), Uzbekistan (January 1, 2001 - December 31, 2005), healthcare for any illness.
- **YES** (retains COST of War Act coverage)

Add: veterans who served at Karshi Khanabad Air Base (K2), Uzbekistan (January 1, 2001 - December 31, 2005), healthcare for any illness.

### Bills and relevant sections for presumptive conditions and covered veterans are:

2) **Honoring our PACT Act** ("Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act of 2021", H.R.____, Rep. Takano): Sections 102-103. [HR 3697 IH].
3) **VA rulemaking**, as publicly announced on May 27, 2021 as forthcoming, via presuming exposure to particulates for covered veterans: "Veterans who served in the Southwest Asia theater of operations during the Persian Gulf War and/or after September 19, 2001, or in Afghanistan and Uzbekistan during the Persian Gulf War."
5) **Sen. Amendment, S.A. ____**. [HEY21637 6RN].