Timeline of Chairman Tester and Ranking Member Moran’s joint work to deliver for toxic-exposed veterans:

May 18, 2022: Tester and Moran announce historic agreement to pass the most comprehensive toxic exposure legislation in Congress’ history.

March 29, 2022: The Senate Veterans’ Affairs Committee holds a hearing on comprehensive toxic exposure legislation with VA Secretary McDonough to solicit feedback on improvements needed to make the House-passed PACT Act work best for veterans and VA.

February 16, 2022: The U.S. Senate unanimously passes the Health Care for Burn Pit Veterans Act.

February 11, 2022: Tester and Moran urge swift bipartisan action in the Senate on their Health Care for Burn Pit Veterans Act in an op-ed published in Military Times.

February 2, 2022: The Health Care for Burn Pit Veterans Act unanimously passes the Senate Veterans’ Affairs Committee and is sent to the full Senate for consideration.

February 1, 2022: Senators Tester and Moran introduce the Health Care for Burn Pit Veterans Act—bipartisan legislation to offer Post-9/11 combat veterans’ access to VA health care, including those suffering from conditions related to their toxic exposure.

May 26, 2021: The COST of War Act of 2021 clears the Senate Veterans’ Affairs Committee with unanimous support.

May 25, 2021: Tester unveils his Comprehensive and Overdue Support for Troops (COST) of War Act of 2021—sweeping legislation today to provide generations of veterans suffering from toxic exposures their due benefits and care.

April 28, 2021: The Senate Veterans’ Affairs Committee holds a legislative hearing considering a number of toxic exposure bills.

March 18, 2021: Senators Tester and Moran urged VA Secretary McDonough to expedite Vietnam veterans’ Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act claims to quickly provide long-overdue benefits and care to veterans suffering from Agent Orange exposure.

March 10, 2021: The Senate Veterans’ Affairs Committee holds a hearing on the long-term health consequences of military toxic exposures.

February 26, 2021: Senators Tester and Moran called on VA to include Hypertension—a condition scientifically shown to have an association with exposure to Agent Orange—on its presumption of service connection list.

June 17, 2020: Senators Tester and Moran led a roundtable discussion with VA, Department of Defense, Centers for Disease Control, and several Veteran Service Organizations on addressing
longstanding issues associated with the effects of toxic exposure on our nation’s veterans and servicemembers.