

At least 1 million out of the 3.5 million Post-9/11 combat veterans exposed to toxic substances are unable to access VA care



## Strengthens Federal Research on Toxic Exposure

- Requires VA to perform a mortality study on veterans who served in Southwest Asia during the Gulf War

- Directs a study on Post-9/11 veterans health trends

- Requires a study on veterans' cancer rates

- Mandates VA provide biennial reports on DOD's *Individual Longitudinal Exposure Record*

## Bolsters VA's Ability to Link Toxic Exposure Conditions

- Provides every veteran a toxic exposure screening during VA medical visits

- Increases toxic exposure-related education and training for VA health care and benefits personnel

- Establishes VA reporting requirements on VA medical data to treat toxic exposure

- Mandates VA outreach program for toxic exposure veterans on VA care, benefits, and resources

## HEALTH CARE FOR BURN PIT VETERANS ACT

### *Paying the cost of war*

Chairman Jon Tester's bipartisan bill to **offer access to VA health care for every combat veteran** who served after November 1998 with a discharge date after September 11, 2001



## Expands VA Health Care Eligibility

Increases the period of eligibility for VA health care for Post-9/11 combat veterans from five to 10 years following discharge, and creates a one-year open enrollment period for Post-9/11 combat veterans who did not enroll during their initial five years following discharge

