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A typical reply (with a few exceptions) to letters and email sent to members of Congress. "THE SOUND OF SILENCE" is still at work. Cold War Veteran Nuclear Weapons Technicians remain a group of largely "Unknown Veterans".

Dear Rick,

[Note: We did not ask about RECA. It does not apply to Nuclear Weapons Technicians.]

Thank you for contacting me regarding the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA) Amendments of 2023. I agree with you and am proud to be an original cosponsor of this bill.

Over the course of the Atomic Era, many citizens have had their health and well-being threatened by harmful radiation exposure. As you know, Congress passed the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA) in 1990 to respond to these concerns, establishing an administrative program tasked with creating procedures to make determinations about whether claims from those exposed to radiation meet certain eligibility requirements. In the previous Congress, I voted in favor of reauthorizing RECA for another two years, and with that deadline impending, it is imperative that Congress takes this opportunity to broaden the scope of this vital program. The bipartisan RECA Amendments of 2023 Act would add individuals exposed to radiation while working in uranium mines or living downwind from atomic weapons tests, and I look forward to fighting for its passage in the House of Representatives.

During my time in Congress, I have fought to ensure both civilians and servicemembers alike are compensated for being put in harm's way by toxic elements. This [redacted], I [redacted]

Department of Veterans' Affairs

[redacted]. These veterans have been denied their health claims [redacted] for far too long, [redacted] bill would give them ready access to the care they earned and deserve. **[The bill referred to is not for Nuclear Weapons Technicians]**

During the previous Congress, I also cosponsored the Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act, comprehensive legislation to improve healthcare access for veterans exposed to toxic substances during their service, including radiation and burn pits. I was proud to vote in favor of this lifechanging bill on the House floor which was then signed into law by President Biden on August 10, 2022. I will never waver in my support for those in the armed services affected by harmful radiation.

Be assured that I will continue to work with my colleagues to increase compensation and protections for civilians, soldiers, and workers exposed to radiation.

Thank you again for sharing your thoughts, and I hope you will continue to keep me up to date about issues that are important to you. I also invite you to stay informed of my work by following me on Twitter, [redacted] Facebook, [redacted] Instagram, [redacted] and by visiting my website, [redacted].

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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