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To: House Armed Services and Veterans Affairs Committee
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RE: Senate Bill 160

Dear Legislators

My name is Gary Gutelius I served in the United States Army 101st Air Borne Division in Vietnam from 1968- 1969. Among the numerous metals I earned during my service time I received the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. I currently serve as President of the Trumbull County Service Commission Board, E-Board Officer for the DAV Chapter 11, Senior Vice Commander of AMVETS Post 290, Senior Vice Commander Purple Hearts 606 and I am a Trustee for the VFW 1090.

On behalf of myself and The Trumbull County Service Commission I would like to offer support of Senate Bill 160. For the past several years I and members of the Trumbull County Service Commission have worked with Theresa Bartlett to educate and support Veterans in obtaining VA benefits. We have seen first hand how veterans in the healthcare system do not receive the information or guidance needed to become aware of possible VA health and financial benefits that they may be eligible to receive. It has been our mission to reach out to as many veterans as possible to educate them and this legislation would be of tremendous value in that effort.

Please accept this letter of support in your consideration for passage of Senate Bill 160 and let's help more Ohio Veterans become aware of VA benefits that they so honorable earned.

Respectfully,



Gary Gutelius
Trumbull County Service Commission Board President