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To: House Armed Services and Veterans Affairs Committee
134th General Assembly of the State of Ohio
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From: Murray Carter
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RE: Veteran Information Act Proposal / Senate Bill 160

Dear Legislators:

My name is Murray Carter and I am a U.S. Marine Corp Veteran who served during Vietnam where I proudly earned 2 Purple Hearts. I currently live at Washington Square Healthcare in Warren Ohio a skilled nursing facility that holds a VA Contract. I would appreciate your consideration for passing the Veteran Information Act Proposal so more Veterans like me can receive the help owed to them.

Prior to coming to Washington Square I was homeless living out of a shelter I was moved to a group home where I became ill and was sent to St Elizabeth's Hospital in Youngstown. Only by luck I had dealings with a supervisor of social workers who happened to be aware of the nursing home benefit for service connected veterans like me. I left St. Elizabeth's and was admitted to Washington Square Healthcare in 2014 where they gave me rehabilitation and because of my service connection I was able to stay at no cost. This has meant everything to me just knowing I have a home.

Unfortunately my story is not unique. The passage of the Veteran Information Act Proposal is at least a start in the attempt to educate Ohio Veterans about benefits they may be entitled to as they seek health care. I ask for your consideration in the passage of this Act in the hopes that no more Veterans in Ohio need to worry about where they can go to get help.

Respectfully,


Murray Carter
Veteran of The United States Marine Corps