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Testifying on Bill Number: Senate Bill 160

Testimony: Verbal Written Both

Testifying As: Proponent Opponent Interested Party

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To: Senate Veterans and Public Safety Committee
134 General Assembly of the State of Ohio
Regular Session 2021-2022

From: Chuck Sayers
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RE: Senate Bill 160

Dear Legislators:

My name is Chuck Sayers, I am the Commander of Howland American Legion Post 700. I would like to thank you for allowing me, on behalf of our membership, to submit our support for Senate Bill 160. The Howland American Legion is composed of hard working, proud veterans who are constantly seeking ways to help other veterans in need and this legislation is an excellent tool for that mission.

Although some American Legion members may not have seen conflict or war that; however, that does not mean they have not been exposed to dangers that create illness later in life. One example of this is service men and woman who were stationed at Camp Lejeune between 1953 - 1987 and later developed cancer or other chronic illness caused by contaminated water sources at the base. Many of these veterans were not aware that the exposure of the contaminated water is what caused their cancer and that they could be entitled to compensation from the VA. This legislation is a way to educate veterans seeking healthcare of benefits they otherwise might not know they may be entitled. It would also to be encouraged them to seek assistance to explore benefits for which they may be entitled.

Please accept our support of Senate Bill 160 and your consideration for its passage. Education is a powerful tool and this bill will assist in the education of Ohio veterans.

Respectfully,

Chuck Sayers, Commander
Howland American Legion Post 700