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Hello, I am Joanne Reynolds.

I appreciate very much that you have allowed me to submit written testimony in support of the Bill S111: "Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry".

I served in Vietnam, as an Army Nurse, arriving in Long Binh, Vietnam 50 years ago.

I was very much exposed to Agent Orange. There was not a tree, a leaf or a blade of grass, on the base which I served on. The water, which we drank, and showered in, and that our clothes were also washed in, was stored in a large open canvas container on stilts.

When I went to Vietnam at 23, I was very healthy physically and mentally. In the 70's small health issues, were noticeable, but in the 80's I began having considerably more health issues, which have continued to the present. Today, Many Vietnam Vets still do not know about the Agent Orange Registry!

This legislation will be very be very effective, to insure that the Vermont Vets, who served in and around the burn pits in the Middle East, and other places , will be made aware and hopefully get themselves into this registry.

I also appreciate that the Vermont Department of Health will be involved, as well the Adjutant and Inspector General, and that the Vermont Department of Veteran Affairs, are included, in your efforts.

The other significant piece of this bill S 111, is the July 1, 2019 timeline! It important to get these educational materials out to the Medical Community, and other People and Groups, so that veterans are made aware of the Registry, before it is too late.

One Veteran helps another Veteran. Freedom is not Free!

Thank You

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