

# Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Association



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Senator Kirsten Gillibrand  
Senator Lindsey Graham

Dear Senator Gillibrand and Senator Graham,

On behalf of the offshore Vietnam veterans, the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Association would like to extend our deep-felt gratitude for your support. By stepping forward to introduce the bipartisan Bill S-1629, you each have given us the opportunity to achieve legislation that provides VA Health Care, lost wage Compensation and associated benefits withheld from us now, but earned by our participation in the Vietnam War.

For the thousands of disabled Navy, Coast Guard, and Fleet Marines that will be affected by this Bill, we offer this thanks, and extend to you all of our resources to work with you and your staff in bringing about the final legislation of the Agent Orange Equity Act of 2011. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to assist with your efforts.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Paul Rossie".

John Paul Rossie, Executive Director

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