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**On behalf of all veterans, please ask Mr. Hutton to personally read this email.**

Jim Hutton  
Member of Parliament for  
Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound

Saturday, May 25, 2024

Dear Mr. Hutton,

My name is Randy Hladun. I have prostate cancer that was caused by my exposure to Carbon Tetrachloride (CTC) while serving my country. The Veterans Review and Appeal Board (VRAB) agreed that my cancer was caused by my exposure to CTC and awarded me a 5/5th disability pension. Unfortunately, my cancer is terminal so there is nothing that you or Veteran Affairs Canada (VAC) can do to change my prognosis. However, you can make a significant difference for my fellow veterans who, like me, developed cancer as a result of exposure to CTC while in service.

So, I am writing on behalf of a group of distinguished Veteran Officers, Senior NCOs and their spouses who are struggling to navigate the VAC and VRAB bureaucracy which is plagued by systemic issues. Specifically, the VAC processes force each veteran with prostate cancer, caused by exposure to CTC, to individually submit identical research papers showing that CTC is a known carcinogenic. In addition, they each are forced to search databases to find a doctor willing to state that, it was more likely than not, that their prostate cancer was caused by their exposure to CTC while in service.

The solution, to speed up the process for other veterans in my situation, is for VAC to recognize that the Veterans Review and Appeal Board established case law with their decision in my case. In doing so VAC should accept that the volume of material and doctor's statements that I submitted, applies to all veterans who were exposed to CTC while in service and developed prostate cancer.

I am therefore asking that you and your colleagues raise this issue in the House of Commons and encourage the government to direct VAC to accept the case law established by the Veterans Review and Appeal Board and accept that all veterans who developed prostate cancer as a result of their exposure to Carbon Tetrachloride fall under that case and should receive an identical pension award to the award that I received.

Sincerely,

Randal (Randy) Hladun CD  
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**PS.** Mr. Hutton I do not reside in your Riding, but I can guarantee you that there are veterans, who do reside in your **Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound** riding, who have prostate cancer as a result of their exposure to Carbon Tetrachloride while in uniform during the 60s, 70s, or 80s. So it is on their behalf, that I ask you to assign this a high priority.

**"To care for him, who shall have borne the battle, and  
for his widow and his orphan" ... Abraham Lincoln - US DVA**