

The Honorable Samuel Azzinaro, Chairman of the RI House Veterans Affairs Committee  
Member of the RI House Veterans Affairs Committee

We support and encourage the enactment of RI House Resolution 2026- H8487. The purpose of resolution: Urging the United State Congress to Enact Technical Amendments to the Camp Lejeune Justice Act of 2022.

Since 2022, the Department of the Navy, US Justice Department and US District Court of Eastern North Carolina has been slow in enacting and administering the provisions of the Act. The bodies have been less than prompt and forthright in providing settlement, closure and justice to the 408,000 victims and Marine, Navy, family and Estate Claimants recognized by the Department of the Navy and US District Court. Try as we may, we have been unable to secure and document the number of Rhode Island victim and Claimant and their related Cancers, Parkinson disease and birth defect data from the Navy or Court. The range of Rhode Island claimants has been estimated at 1,000 - 2,000 persons and Estates.

Given the approximate 60,000 Veterans in Rhode, we will continue to find ways and means to reach RI Claimants and seek ways and means to Honor their Service and secure the Justice, settlements and closure embedded in the provisions of the Camp Lejeune Act of 2022 and all future technical improvements and amendments enacted by the US Congress.

Thank you for your leadership on behalf of Justice for the RI Victims of Water Contamination Poisoning, Illness, Disease and Loss at Base Camp Lejeune. We respect the work you have done on behalf all of Veterans, Military and families. Your encouragement to the RI Congressional delegation and US Congress for much needed technical amendments is appreciated. If you have questions, please call or contact me or Mr. Thomas Bosco, East Greenwich. James, DeCastro, your Committee Staff Director and Aide has been extraordinarily helpful and insightful, a pleasure to have as a Public Servant on our and your behalf.

Respectfully Submitted,

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