

[Representative Carson Cosponsors IAVA-Backed Burn Pits Legislation](#)

WASHINGTON, DC (March 14, 2019) – Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA), the leading voice of the Post-9/11 generation of veterans, is proud to announce that U.S. Rep. Andre Carson (D-IN) has become a cosponsor of the *Burn Pits Accountability Act* (S. 191/H.R. 663), to improve the tracking and reporting of service members' exposure to burn pits and airborne toxins during their deployments. Rep. Carson became a co-sponsor during IAVA's [Storm The Hill](#) – a quarterly advocacy push in Washington, DC.

Congressman Carson has served as the Representative for Indiana's 7th Congressional District since 2008. He is the Chairman of Subcommittee on Counterterrorism, Counterintelligence and Counterproliferation on the Intelligence Committee and the Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure.

“Per our most recent IAVA Member Survey, 82% of IAVA members report being exposed to burn pits and 84% of those exposed report symptoms,” **said IAVA Chief Executive Officer, [Jeremy Butler](#)**. “According to the VA, about 3.5 million service members and veterans are eligible for enrollment in the VA's Burn Pit and Toxic Exposures Registry yet only 169,000 are enrolled. We want to thank Rep. Carson in helping us by signing onto this important piece of legislation.”

The *Burn Pits Accountability Act*, sponsored by Reps. Tulsi Gabbard (D-HI) and Brian Mast (R-FL), now has 134 House cosponsors, and 31 in the Senate. The bill is among [IAVA's Big Six priorities for 2019](#), including Suicide Prevention, Government Reform, #SheWhoBorneTheBattle, #DefendTheGIBill, and #CannabisForVets.