

[Representative King 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. Peter King (R-NY) has become a cosponsor of the *Burn Pits Accountability Act* (S. 191/H.R. 663), to improve the tracking and reporting of servicemembers' exposure to burn pits and airborne toxins during their deployments.

Congressman King has served in Congress since 1993. He is the former Chairman of the Committee on Homeland Security and still serves as a member. King also serves on the Intelligence and Financial Services Committees.

“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. King 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.