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## **Organizational Sign-on Letter to Support the Military Environmental Responsibility Act**

**For generations, unregulated military projects** have placed countless communities, workers, soldiers, and families at increased risk for cancer and other deadly disease from exposure to military toxins – the hidden casualties here at home. Even as we write this letter, contamination caused by munitions production, testing, and disposal is poisoning our drinking water wells, contaminating the air we breathe, destroying our lakes, rivers, and fisheries, and polluting our soils and farmlands.

**We are united in seeking to protect those most vulnerable** from these harmful exposures especially the unborn, babies, youth, elders, disenfranchised communities of race, Indigenous Tribal Nations and peoples, economically disadvantaged communities, military personnel, civilian workers, military garment workers, and families living in the vicinity of military operations and installations throughout the nation.

**In seeking to right these Injustices, we are joining together** to support the Military Environmental Responsibility Act, H.R. 672, which will assure that the U.S. Department of Defense, Department of Energy, and defense-related agencies are subject to all federal and state laws which are established to protect human health, the environment, cultural resources, workers, and public safety and will remove military exemptions from the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act, the Clean Air Act, the Endangered Species Act, the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, the Marine Mammal Protection Act, CERCLA, the Oil Pollution Act, and many other important laws designed to protect human health and the environment.

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