

Congressman Nadler

4<sup>TH</sup> December 2021

Dear Congressman Nadler,

RE: H.R. 5338 – 117<sup>th</sup> Congress: Radiation Exposure Compensation Act Amendments of 2021

I am writing to you as a recipient of this program, and I fully support this bill. The difference that this bill has made to myself and my family is enormous. I served on Christmas Island in 1962 as part of Operation Dominic and witnessed 6 detonations.

I have developed various conditions, including cancer and epilepsy. The bill has helped us in so many ways and it is very important that it continues to provide for future generations.

It is an extremely well-administered program, which a clear and concise application process that has helped thousands of people, like me.

There are however some very important people who are not included within the bill, these are:

- Enewetak Atoll cleanup personnel
- 1966 Palomares cleanup personnel
- Amchitka Island (in the Aleutian Island chain in southwest Alaska) testing personnel and downwinders

We would request that these people be included in the bill, and it amended accordingly.

I cannot portray in words how this program has helped me and my family and I hope that you will also include the above personnel, who have also been affected by nuclear testing and the clean-up that followed.

Yours sincerely

**Eric Barton**