

Cold War Patriots Statement in support of expanded RECA eligibility and program extension

<u>Cold War Patriots</u> (CWP), is a community resource organization that is the nation's strongest and most sustained voice advocating for nuclear weapons and uranium worker benefits and has been fighting for our members' rights for over a decade. We are urging this Congress and the Biden Administration -to enact urgently needed amendments to the <u>Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA)</u>, which expires in 2022.

These new amendments to expand and extend RECA are an opportunity for our nation to substantially address the unmet needs of thousands of Americans suffering from radiation-related illnesses. By neglecting to act now, the Congress and the administration will leave thousands of sick and dying workers and their families at risk.

Over the years Cold War Patriots has held hundreds of town hall and other community meetings nationwide to successfully connect sick workers and their families to the benefits enacted by Federal law to address their radiation and national security work-related illnesses. Yet we have also directly seen the ongoing suffering of thousands of others; "Post 71" uranium miners and workers stricken with debilitating or fatal illnesses, unsuspecting "downwinders" affected by the radioactive fallout from one hundred above ground tests conducted at the Nevada Test Site, as well as those downwind from New Mexico's Trinity site and the Pacific Proving Grounds in the Marshall Islands.

Cold War Patriots and its founding organization, Professional Case Management, wholeheartedly support passage of amendments for the expansion of RECA for many thousands of our stricken Americans, to receive the justice, compassionate medical care, and compensation they deserve.

About Cold War Patriots (CWP)

Cold War Patriots (CWP) is a division of Professional Case Management (PCM), which provides specialized in-home healthcare services to nuclear weapons and uranium workers. CWP is a community resource and advocacy organization and the nation's strongest and most sustained voice to advocate for worker benefits. CWP helps nuclear weapons and uranium workers get the recognition, compensation and care they have earned. CWP, the first national organization to connect workers with benefits, does this work for free on behalf of its members. Visit <u>www.coldwarpatriots.org</u> or call 888-903-8989 for more information.

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