

Veterans Institutional Exposure Initiative (VIEI)

Mission Statement

Overview

The Veterans Institutional Exposure Initiative (VIEI) is dedicated to pursuing justice for veterans harmed by institutional policies and practices of the United States military. Our mission is to drive change through coordinated advocacy, legislative reform, and strategic legal action.

Purpose and Focus

VIEI works to expose and correct systemic injustices that have denied veterans recognition and accountability for service-related illnesses caused by government-sanctioned exposure to harmful substances, including tobacco products and environmental hazards. These actions represent institutional discrimination that continues to impact generations of veterans.

Primary Objectives

1. Legislative Advocacy – Build bipartisan support in Congress to amend or repeal discriminatory statutes, such as 38 U.S.C. § 1103, which block compensation for disabilities linked to government-provided tobacco products.
2. Legal Action – Pursue class action and other legal remedies where institutional negligence or discriminatory practices have harmed veterans collectively.
3. Public Awareness – Inform and mobilize the public, veteran communities, and policymakers through education, outreach, and media engagement.
4. Accountability – Promote transparency and responsibility within federal institutions regarding their historical and ongoing treatment of veterans affected by exposure-related harm.

Vision

VIEI envisions a future where every veteran receives full recognition and justice for harm caused by institutional policies—and where systemic discrimination against those who served is addressed through law and accountability.

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