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To Whom It May Concern

Compensation and Rehabilitation for Veterans Commission

My Submission is a concise one, please note herewith.

There should be only one (1) act and it should be the VETERANS ENTITLEMENT ACT.

There should be only one (1) DVA Claim Form and it should be the VETERANS ENTITLEMENT ACT form.

For Current Serving Members and Veterans doing their own claims it is too difficult to pick the right form and fill in same. This is from personal knowledge, because of the large amount of Appeals through the VRB that I am currently conducting.

This would reduce the amount of suicides greatly, have you looked at the suicides in the last 5 years and worked out under which Acts the Veterans were. It is mainly MRCA and SRCA now DRCA.

I have many instances of mismanagement, legally wrongful decisions, incorrect SOPs being used and downright dishonesty occurring within DVA. I will not put them here but am more than prepared to provide to members of the Senate Inquiry or Committee upon request.

My opinion of the VRB is a positive one (I've been told that I am a lucky one) I believe that the board members have been open to discussion, negotiating and providing a favorable outcome to 99% of my appeals for veterans.

VRB and Lawyers. Yes Veterans should be allowed lawyer representation at the VRB. The Senior Member is one so why not. **DVA should not be allowed to have a lawyer at the VRB.** If they did it would be titled the AAT. Should no decision or a negative decision be deemed by the VRB that's when you proceed to the AAT?

I have provided further responses to various questions in the Advocacy Scoping Study Survey and suggest you to check these responses on DVAs site.

I am open for any discussion and at your disposal,

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