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The Honorable Roger Wicker, R-Miss
Chairman
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
512 Senate Dirksen Office Building
Washington, DC

Good afternoon Chairman Wicker:

On behalf of our Officers, Board of Directors and Membership we write you today in opposition of the Presidential nominee Nancy B. Beck, to be a Commissioner and Chairman of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).

The CPSC is charged with ensuring the safety of consumer products. Dr. Beck's record on substances such as asbestos, methylene chloride, trichloroethylene (TCE), and per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) clearly demonstrates that she does not have the public's best interests at heart.

Her actions related to TCE and PFAS are especially concerning. TCE contaminated the drinking water at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina for decades, and it is likely that the same contamination affected many more military installations. PFAS has contaminated water bodies across the nation, including drinking water sources for millions of Americans. Dr. Beck blocked and weakened regulatory actions on these chemicals while at EPA's Office of Chemical Safety.

Dr. Beck is a former chemical industry lobbyist who appears to be more interested in protecting the financial interests of the chemical industry than protecting the health and safety of Americans. Dr. Beck would be a poor choice to lead the CPSC.

Mr. Chairman, Vietnam Veterans of America appreciate all the work that the committee has accomplished under your leadership and if you have any questions regarding the letter please contact Rick Weidman, Executive Director for Policy and Government Affairs at (301) 996-8557 or Rweidman@vva.org.

Respectfully,

John Rowan

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Rowan".

National President/CEO