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To: The Honorable Nikki R. Haley

From: Pamela P. Jenkins

Honorable Nikki R. Haley,

Good Morning Governor, My name is Pamela P. Jenkins and I'm the wife of Benjamin Jenkins. My reason for contacting you is because my husband is a former US Marine that served in the Gulf War. We have been married for 3 ½ years and I never truly understood what he had been through until fully living with him. I have asked and literally begged him to seek some help, but in his mind he feels that no one truly cares. After speaking with his family, they said that they also have tried to get him help but the VA seems to feel that there isn't enough evidence to even give him benefits for his PTSD.

After speaking to his ex-wife, I learned that she left him because she was truly afraid of him since he returned home back in 1991. She said that he was experiencing the same symptoms that I see now which is and not limited to- Nightmares, very bad mood swings, not trusting people, depression, and not any type of socializing with people. When there are thunder and lightning storms, he jumps out of his seat and hit the floor as if he is under attack. It seems to take days for him to get back on track after this. For these reasons I don't want to go out into public or into restaurants because I never know what will happen. We also have kids and I'm so afraid that he will lose his temper with them for the least little thing.

I ask that you please try to help me help Benjamin because we can't seem to get through to the VA. I have spoken to some other veteran wives that also feel that SC Veteran Affairs are not doing what is needed to help these soldiers when they come home. These men have been through God knows what over there in foreign soil and return home to be mistreated and forgotten. I can be contacted at: Pamela Jenkins- 871 Chelsea Plantation Drive, Ridgeland SC 29936. Day Phone is 843-476-2739

Best Regards, Pamela P. Jenkins

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