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Public Health Consequences of Agent Orange in Vietnam: Can We Heal the Wounds of War?

A Congressional Briefing Sponsored by Vietnam Agent Orange Relief & Responsibility Campaign, Veterans For Peace and Vietnam Veterans Against the War

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10:00 am

(Refreshments will be served)

Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2148

(Judiciary Committee Library)

The American Public Health Association recommends that the US government "provide resources for services for the disabled in areas where dioxin victims are concentrated; provide medical services and nursing services for those harmed by Agent Orange; and develop community support organizations, including health care and educational and chronic care services and medical equipment to care for American and Vietnamese people harmed; including additional services as they are identified" and "be responsible to remediate or attempt to clean up those areas in Vietnam that still contain high levels of dioxin."

Veterans, Vietnamese Americans and others of conscience are urging action on this urgent humanitarian issue.

What are the needs and how can they be addressed?

Speakers:

Dr. Nguyen Thi Ngoc Phuong

Dr. Phuong is Chief of Obstetrics and Gynecology of the Medical University of HCM City. She has researched and published extensively on the deleterious health impact of Agent Orange on the people of Vietnam including the impact of toxic chemicals on reproductive outcomes, dioxin induced risk to pregnancies, and women giving birth to grossly deformed babies as seen at the OB/GYN Hospital in HCM City. She spoke at the American Public Health Association National Conference in November, 2007.

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Jeanne Mirer is the Secretary General of the International Association of Democratic Lawyers, an international human rights organization, a member of the National Lawyers Guild, and counsel to the Vietnamese Agent Orange victims.

Congress Member John Conyers, invited speaker

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