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MADISON, Wis. — On the first anniversary of President Biden signing the PACT Act into law, **Democratic Party of Wisconsin spokesperson Haley McCoy** released the following statement:



"One year ago today, President Biden brought both sides of the aisle together to expand health care access for combat veterans suffering from toxic burn pit exposure and provide veterans and their families with critical care. Thanks to the Biden-Harris Administration's leadership, Wisconsinites and Americans across the country who have bravely put their lives on the line in service of our country are finally receiving the essential care they deserve."

Here's how President Biden's historic legislation is providing benefits and resources for Wisconsin veterans:

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- Expanding access to VA health care services for over 3.5 million veterans who were exposed to toxic substances during their military service.

- Ensuring that America's veterans get the care they need by making sure they are screened for toxic exposure and that VA personnel have the appropriate education and training. Since the PACT Act became law, approximately <u>66,000 screenings</u> for toxic exposure have been done in Wisconsin.

- Delivering critical resources to the VA to ensure it can deliver timely access to services and benefits for all veterans eligible — including those already enrolled. The PACT Act has provided the VA with mechanisms to enhance claims processing and to increase the workforce.