

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

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Support our Injured Troops and Veterans by Co-Sponsoring the

# TBI Treatment Act

## (H.R. 4568)

Dear Colleague:

Thousands of our brave servicemen and women are returning from combat with severe cases of Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), resulting in an inability to hold a job, properly care for their families, or in some cases, to overcome suicidal tendencies. As a nation, we have the responsibility for their care and recovery.

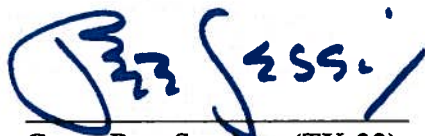
Currently, private physicians across the United States are treating brain injury patients with new and innovative treatments, not currently available within the Department of Defense (DoD) and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical facilities, with remarkable results. The TBI Treatment Act helps expedite these ground-breaking treatments to our nations' veterans and active duty soldiers suffering from TBI.

How does the TBI Treatment Act work?

- Establishes a 5-year **"pay-for-performance" pilot program**, not to exceed \$10 million/year
- Physicians treat active duty soldiers and veterans **at no cost to the patient**
- **Only if the treatment is proven successful** does the physician get reimbursed from the VA/DoD respectively (based on independent pre- and post-treatment neuropsychological testing, accepted survey instruments, neurological imaging, or clinical examinations)
- *Treatments must be **FDA-approved** and approved by an institutional review board operating in accordance with regulations issued by the Secretary of Health and Human Services*

The TBI Treatment Act helps fulfill our obligation to our nation's heroes and we look forward to your support. If you would like to become a cosponsor of the TBI Treatment Act, please contact Legislative Assistant Jim Silliman of Congressman Pete Sessions office at Jim.Silliman@mail.house.gov or in the office at 202.225.2231.

Sincerely,



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