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The Honorable Phil Gingrey
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Dr. Gingrey:

The National Military Veterans Alliance (NMVA), representing 35 military and veterans associations with a combined membership of over 3.5 million members, greatly appreciates your efforts over the past years on behalf of all military and veterans. We write in support of H.R. 2182, the Generating Antibiotic Incentives Now (GAIN) Act of 2011.

The GAIN Act focuses attention on development of new antibiotics desperately needed by our warfighters and veterans. The GAIN Act represents an important first step in leveling economic factors and incentivizing the research and development of these urgently needed antibiotic drugs.

Our service members and veterans are at risk, because of the wounds they may receive while on active duty, or deployed to contingency operations. While *Acinetobacter* (sometimes referred to as "Iraqibacter") is the pathogen most closely associated with the military, it is not the only superbug that afflicts our modern-day military. Multi-drug resistant bacteria can infect the lungs, bloodstream, bones, heart and other vital organs and systems and are often fatal. To meet our responsibility of caring for our uniformed services, we must ensure that we have effective drugs to treat them.

The National Military Veterans Alliance appreciates your leadership and continued attention to those who serve and have served in the Armed Forces, and we stand ready to assist in any way possible. Please contact the NMVA Co-Director, Ike Puzon (AUSN) at (703) 548-5800 or Co-Director Rick Jones (NAUS) at 703-750-1342, for more information.

Sincerely,

Co-Directors and Member Organizations
National Military and Veterans Alliance (NMVA)
(Member Organizations Attached)



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| American Logistics Association | Military Families United |
| American Military Retirees Association | National Association for Uniformed Services |
| American Military Society | National Gulf War Resource Center |
| American Retirees Association | Naval Enlisted Reserve Association |
| American WWII Orphans Network | Paralyzed Veterans of America |
| AMVETS (American Veterans) | Reserve Enlisted Association |
| Armed Forces Marketing Council | Reserve Officers Association |
| Army Navy Union | Society of Military Widows |
| Association of the United States Navy | The Flag and General Officers Network |
| Catholic War Veterans | The Retired Enlisted Association |
| Gold Star Wives of America | TREA Senior Citizen League |
| Hispanic War Veterans Association | Tragedy Assistant Program for Survivors |
| Japanese American Veterans Association | Uniformed Services Disabled Retirees |
| Korean War Veterans Foundation | Veterans of Modern Warfare |
| Legion of Valor | Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States |
| Military Order of the Purple Heart | Vietnam Veterans of America |
| Military Order of Foreign Wars | Women in Search of Equity |
| Military Order of the World Wars | |

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Representative Mike Rogers
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Representative Ed Whitfield