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President Barack Obama  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Of course, you know about the health care needs of our military. What I am hoping is that you will use the enclosed book, *Faces of Combat, PTSD and TBI*, to help educate the American public about those needs.

As a country we need to make a sacrifice to help our veterans recover from what happened to them during their service to us. You agreed with that when you received your first copy of this book from Matt Kuntz, Chris Dana's stepbrother, in Billings, Montana, just before you went to the Democratic Convention.

So what we are starting is a race between you and Gary Trudeau to see who will be the first to hold up a copy of this book and tell the people in this country that they need to read it. (Gary gets to "hold it up" in *Doonesbury* since he's shyer than you are.) We will be sending you a book every week until the message that our veterans need our help is delivered.

I know this can't be your top priority because there are so many problems that need to be addressed. We just think Eric Newhouse's book will help set the stage for an appropriate dialog when the time is right.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Blaschko  
President, Idyll Arbor