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

Dear Mr. President:

Congratulations on the passage of the economic stimulus bill. If the best the Republicans can do in the way of bipartisanship is three votes in the Senate, I guess we Americans will learn to live with that.

In the package today is a letter from Eric Newhouse, the Pulitzer-prize winning author of *Faces of Combat, PTSD and TBI*. Please find a way for him to help your efforts to help veterans who are coming back from Iraq and Afghanistan with life-altering conditions. He is already speaking around the US about veterans' issues and would welcome more opportunities.

We hope that you will be able to use his book, as well, to help convince the American public (and the necessary handful of Republican Senators) that veterans are getting a rotten deal and deserve better.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Blaschko
President, Idyll Arbor

p.s. The race between you and Garry Trudeau to see who will be the first to hold up the book continues. Please pass this weekly book on to an appropriate staff member. Every bit of support will help.

Tom