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

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for phasing out the stop-loss program. I hope you will be able to keep enough people in the military without forcing them to stay in an unauthorized draft. The health care consequences of repeated exposure to combat are nearly unfathomable, especially long term.

I'm writing for the eighth week to ask you to start the process of improving health care for our veterans. People who have read Eric Newhouse's book, *Faces of Combat, PTSD and TBI* will understand what our veterans have gone through and why something needs to be done.

I hope you will suggest that your supporters read the book, perhaps as a note through your national network that is building support for your other programs.

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.

Tom