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Garry Trudeau  
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Dear Mr. Trudeau:

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 your readers 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 for us. Your portrayals of B.D. and Melissa are right on the mark. What you don't show are the many veterans who are denied the services B.D. and Melissa are getting. And you don't have the space to explore the depth of the problem in the way a book can. That's why this book was written.

So what we are starting is a race between you and President Obama 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. (We're hoping Mark Slackmeyer might even do an interview with the author, Eric Newhouse.) We will be sending you a book every week until the message that our veterans need our help is delivered.

You do so much that is good through your comic strip. We hope you will let people know about Eric's book as a way to reinforce your message.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Blaschko  
President, Idyll Arbor