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From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2005 10:49 AM
To: Martel, Richard, CTR, OASD(HA)/TMA
Subject: DoD Viagra Formulary Review

Dear Mr. Martel - I understand the Department of Defense is reviewing the coverage of erectile dysfunction products (Viagra, Levitra,Cialis) under Tricare.

As a 64-year old Viet Nam era Naval veteran and father of a Navy pilot currently on active duty (who had testicular cancer), we are both ED patients who have benefited from Viagra, **I'm writing to request your support to ensure that this medication continues to remain available** for those members of the military and veteran patients with erectile dysfunction.

Over the past 10 years, the clinical efficacy and safety of Viagra® has been extensively researched in over 13,000 patients in more than 100 clinical trials. Viagra® has been studied in a broader patient population than any other products for ED, including those with cardiovascular disease, spinal cord injury, taking antidepressant and antihypertensive medications and following the treatment of prostate cancer.

My son, LT. [redacted] USNR, a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and a cancer survivor, has used and continues to use Viagra successfully. To deny him, other US Armed Forces personnel and veterans like myself with erectile dysfunction, would be a travesty and could have a negative impact on their sexual relations and morale.**These men who have already sacrificed much for our country, deserve our support in ensuring that this vital treatment option continues to remain available to those who need it.**

Please don't let our veterans and military down, sir. Thank you!

"Any man who may be asked what he did to make his life worthwhile, can respond with a great deal of pride, I served in the United States Navy"! President John F. Kennedy

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