

## HR 566

Agent Orange Exposure Fairness Act

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

**Introduced:** Jan 15, 2019

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs. (Feb 1, 2019)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/566>

### Sponsor

---

**Name:** Rep. Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CT • **Chamber:** House

**Cosponsors** (43 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Jan 15, 2019
Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		Jan 15, 2019
Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]	D · CT		Mar 5, 2019
Rep. Himes, James A. [D-CT-4]	D · CT		Apr 8, 2019
Rep. Stivers, Steve [R-OH-15]	R · OH		Apr 8, 2019
Rep. Reed, Tom [R-NY-23]	R · NY		Apr 15, 2019
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Jun 18, 2019
Rep. Banks, Jim [R-IN-3]	R · IN		Jul 16, 2019
Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]	D · CO		Jul 25, 2019
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Jul 25, 2019
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Jul 30, 2019
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Jul 30, 2019
Rep. Mast, Brian J. [R-FL-18]	R · FL		Jul 30, 2019
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Aug 27, 2019
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Oct 4, 2019
Rep. Escobar, Veronica [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Oct 4, 2019
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Oct 4, 2019
Rep. Massie, Thomas [R-KY-4]	R · KY		Oct 8, 2019
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Oct 8, 2019
Rep. King, Peter T. [R-NY-2]	R · NY		Oct 11, 2019
Rep. King, Steve [R-IA-4]	R · IA		Oct 11, 2019
Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Oct 11, 2019
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]	D · CA		Oct 11, 2019
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Oct 11, 2019
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Oct 11, 2019
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Oct 11, 2019
Rep. Byrne, Bradley [R-AL-1]	R · AL		Oct 17, 2019
Rep. Golden, Jared F. [D-ME-2]	D · ME		Oct 17, 2019
Rep. Steube, W. Gregory [R-FL-17]	R · FL		Oct 17, 2019
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Oct 17, 2019
Rep. Baird, James R. [R-IN-4]	R · IN		Oct 21, 2019
Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		Oct 21, 2019
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Oct 21, 2019
Rep. Stauber, Pete [R-MN-8]	R · MN		Oct 22, 2019
Rep. McMorris Rodgers, Cathy [R-WA-5]	R · WA		Oct 28, 2019
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Oct 31, 2019
Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Nov 8, 2019
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Nov 8, 2019
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Nov 8, 2019
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Nov 14, 2019
Rep. Harder, Josh [D-CA-10]	D · CA		Feb 7, 2020

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Zeldin, Lee M. [R-NY-1]	R · NY		May 1, 2020
Rep. Van Drew, Jefferson [R-NJ-2]	R · NJ		Jul 13, 2020

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 1, 2019

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 332	Related bill	Sep 15, 2020: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 535.

## Summary (as of Jan 15, 2019)

### Agent Orange Exposure Fairness Act

This bill expands eligibility for a presumption of service-connection for veterans exposed to certain herbicide agents (e.g., Agent Orange) during military service in Vietnam. Specifically, the bill removes the manifestation period required for the presumption of service-connection for chloracne and porphyria cutanea tarda.

Additionally, the bill provides statutory authority for a presumption of service-connection for certain cases of acute and subacute peripheral neuropathy without a manifestation period.

Under a presumption of service-connection, specific disabilities diagnosed in certain veterans are presumed to have been caused by the circumstances of their military service. Health care benefits and disability compensation may then be awarded.

## Actions Timeline

- **Feb 1, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **Jan 15, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 15, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.