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May 13, 2024

Dear Colleague:

I am writing to respectfully request that you join me in supporting the swift consideration and passage of S.3853, the *Radiation Exposure Compensation Reauthorization Act (RECA)* before the program expires on June 7, 2024.

According to the Union of Concerned Scientists, there are RECA claimants in every state in the country (see attached data), and this program is vital to thousands of our constituents who have been affected by exposure to radioactive waste. The reauthorization of RECA is a matter of life or death for many thousands of people, and it is crucial that Congress bring this much-needed legislation to the floor for a vote without delay.

RECA first passed on October 5, 1990. It established lump-sum compensation awards for individuals who contracted specified diseases in certain geographic boundaries. Since then, RECA has compensated [41,492](#) Americans. It has been updated multiple times, but there are many impacted groups and locations that have still been left out—miners in Texas, Wyoming and the Navajo Nation, some downwinders in Idaho and Utah, residents near test sites or processing facilities in Tennessee, Alaska, Kentucky, and Missouri.

On March 7, 2024, the Senate passed [S.3853](#) by a vote of 69 to 30 to reauthorize RECA and expanded eligibility to victims of radioactive waste in additional areas who had not previously been eligible for compensation. This bill corrects prior exclusion of thousands of victims in states across our country—a much sought after and key provision that is long overdue. Many of these victims are still getting sick and dying because they were exposed to radiation by the federal government without their knowledge or consent.

Now, more than ever, it is crucial for Congress to step up and support approaches to dealing with health crises that will reduce harm and truly keep our communities safe. World War II is still killing people in many of our districts, and they deserve to be made whole. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cori Bush".

CORI BUSH  
Member of Congress

State/Country	# of Claims*	# of Pending Claims	# of Denied Claims	# of Awarded Claims	Amount Awarded**
<b>RECA Awards by Place of Residence (State/Country) as of 4/25/2023</b>					
<b>Place of residence at the time of award may not be the place of exposure</b>					
Alabama	193	0	74	119	\$8,111,785
Alaska	116	0	26	90	\$5,848,363
American Samoa	1	0	1	0	\$0
Arizona	15,603	75	2,387	13,141	\$701,273,290
Arkansas	247	2	74	171	\$11,913,355
California	2,619	11	720	1,888	\$117,067,305
Colorado	3,639	16	990	2,633	\$240,908,961
Connecticut	74	0	24	50	\$3,625,000
Delaware	34	0	11	23	\$1,664,007
District of Columbia	11	0	3	8	\$500,000
Florida	772	8	298	466	\$33,148,040
Georgia	279	2	96	181	\$12,130,197
Guam	23	0	23	0	\$0
Hawaii	102	1	35	66	\$4,483,379
Idaho	597	3	148	446	\$26,835,286
Illinois	329	2	133	194	\$14,314,653
Indiana	180	2	62	116	\$8,197,103
Iowa	114	0	33	81	\$5,590,289
Kansas	206	1	69	136	\$9,598,790
Kentucky	137	1	57	79	\$5,474,434
Louisiana	140	3	57	80	\$5,636,759
Maine	36	0	13	23	\$1,556,333
Maryland	179	0	48	131	\$9,069,097
Massachusetts	135	2	53	80	\$5,671,761
Michigan	272	3	113	156	\$10,860,401
Minnesota	199	1	64	134	\$8,912,048
Mississippi	105	0	49	56	\$3,828,090
Missouri	365	0	122	243	\$17,247,466
Montana	227	0	74	153	\$10,467,277
Nebraska	121	1	41	79	\$5,938,287
Nevada	3,257	12	796	2,449	\$137,624,811
New Hampshire	38	0	17	21	\$1,492,683
New Jersey	162	1	63	98	\$7,017,443
New Mexico	7,323	73	2,455	4,795	\$418,735,303
New York	315	3	112	200	\$14,386,837
North Carolina	284	6	94	184	\$12,791,520
North Dakota	31	0	14	17	\$1,280,683
Ohio	304	4	110	190	\$13,744,036
Oklahoma	517	2	181	334	\$25,549,357
Oregon	553	4	143	406	\$25,634,612
Pennsylvania	310	2	126	182	\$12,811,483
Puerto Rico	10	0	10	0	\$0
Rhode Island	21	0	6	15	\$1,075,000
South Carolina	167	1	78	88	\$6,232,313
South Dakota	114	1	37	76	\$6,559,288
Tennessee	208	2	60	146	\$10,168,491
Texas	1,162	13	346	803	\$55,831,281
Unknown	1	0	0	1	\$100,000
Utah	10,045	31	2,260	7,754	\$430,319,745
Vermont	24	0	10	14	\$1,000,000
Virgin Islands	2	0	1	1	\$75,000
Virginia	274	4	79	191	\$13,002,687
Washington	799	5	229	565	\$38,068,018
West Virginia	149	0	64	85	\$7,873,139
Wisconsin	211	2	76	133	\$9,366,014
Wyoming	1,176	19	392	765	\$71,844,622
Australia	7	0	5	2	\$125,000
Belgium	1	0	0	1	\$75,000
Canada	30	0	11	19	\$1,225,000
France	1	0	1	0	\$0
Germany	2	0	0	2	\$100,000
Guam	1	0	1	0	\$0
Italy	1	0	1	0	\$0
Japan	2	0	0	2	\$100,000
New Zealand	2	0	1	1	\$75,000
Philippines	3	0	3	0	\$0
Sweden	2	0	0	2	\$100,000
Thailand (Siam)	1	0	1	0	\$0
United Kingdom/GB	38	1	7	30	\$2,225,000
United States	14	0	1	13	\$1,225,000
West Germany	1	0	1	0	\$0
<b>State/Country Grand Totals:</b>	<b>54,618</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>13,690</b>	<b>40,608</b>	<b>\$2,617,706,122</b>

\* The total in the "# of Claims" column represents the total claims according to the state/country of the lead claimant.

\*\* The total in the "Amount Awarded" column represents the total award amount of the claim.