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*Dear Raksha Mantri,*

On behalf of the millions of Veterans, Widows and their families I write to thank you for your and Honble PMs personal intervention and support to the four decade old struggle for dignity and honor- represented by One Rank, One Pension.

As I have already publicly said, this effort by this Govt represents one of the most significant welfare initiatives undertaken by any Government in Post Independent India for the well-being of our veterans.

As you are no doubt fully aware, there remains some outstanding issues that relate to this and to the larger issue of the countrys care for veterans. I would request that the Govt sets up a permanent institutional structure to address and respond to these issues, which would then provide veterans for a responsive and trusted platform.

May I draw your attention to the idea of Veterans Commission that was mooted by the Govt and announced during President's Address to the joint Session of Parliament on June, 09<sup>th</sup>, 2014. This Veterans Commission would be the correct institutional response to the ongoing issues faced by veterans, for which we as a nation are obliged to find answers and respond. The Veterans Commission will create the institutional mechanism and bridge I have earlier written to you on this subject, including suggestions on scope and terms of reference for it

I request you through this letter to accelerate the process of forming and notifying the Veterans Commission at the earliest. This would go to a large extent to bridge the trust deficit between the government and the veterans community by addressing the other issues facing them, including long term solutions to veterans rehabilitation and re-employment etc.

Yours Sincerely,

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