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Dear Mr. Townsend:

I have received the packet of information you sent regarding the water contamination issue at Camp Lejeune. The American Legion is very interested in investigating this issue further and has contacted the Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA) and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR).

Last week, I was able to meet with the VA environmental hazards unit and discussed this issue. They were very interested in working with The American Legion in being able to identify and treat the health care needs of these Marines. The American Legion is also interested in pursuing the compensation issues and is working on developing possible legislation. To that end, The American Legion has been in contact with the ATSDR and has received a packet of information on TCE that it will use to develop a case for veteran's compensation.

The American Legion greatly appreciates your bringing this gravely important issue to our attention and assures you that we will do what we can to assist these Marines. You are commended for your efforts.

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