Dear Representative Heck:

Veterans For Peace is proud to offer our endorsement of the Remove the Stain Act. We join Congressman Heck, Congressman Cook, Congresswoman Haaland, and Indigenous communities in denouncing the violence that occurred at the Wounded Knee Massacre.

According to contemporaneous accounts following the actions at Wounded Knee Creek in 1890, a massacre took place. Estimates are that 350-375 men, women and children were killed. Congress should recognize this massacre for what it was, a mistake, and not glorify it with the 20 Medals of Honor that were subsequently awarded.

We strongly condemn the violence used against the Sioux people, and believe these medals from Wounded Knee tarnish the Medal of Honor. Congress should act to remove the stain. We therefore strongly support H.R. 3467, the Remove the Stain Act.

We, as military veterans, affirm our greater responsibility to serve the cause of world peace. We believe the Remove the Stain Act is consistent with our philosophy and approach to help build a more just and peaceful world.

Sincerely,

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