## TBI and PTSD Treatment Act

Introduced by Senators John Hoeven and Kevin Cramer

Here's what people are saying about expanding veteran access to hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT):

"The legislation introduced by Senators Hoeven and Cramer addresses a significant need," said Dr. Daphne Denham, founder of Healing with Hyperbarics. "Our veterans are coming home with post-traumatic stress and brain injuries that hyperbaric oxygen can treat. I have had the pleasure of seeing many recover and their recoveries can be dramatic. This legislation will make it easier for our men and women of service to access this life saving treatment and resume a much more normal life, something America owes them."

"As a traumatic brain injured veteran, I received hyperbaric oxygen therapy that has given me the quality of life back to enjoy time with family. I suffered for 1 and 1/2 years before I received HBOT," said Rusty Ouart, a North Dakota National Guardsman, Purple Heart recipient and member of Senator Cramer's Veterans Advisory Board. "My symptoms of migraines, which kept me in a dark room, vertigo causing nausea three times daily, speech deficit that I could not talk to my own children, using a cane for balance and issues lifting my right leg all were helped tremendously. I have the blood flow back in my brain. The SPECT scan imaging of my brain showed that half my brain was not getting blood supply and the MRIs were all read as normal. After HBOT, I have color in my world and I feel like I have my life back!"

"The TreatNOW Coalition has spent over a decade treating and helping heal brain wounds in veterans, service members, athletes, first responders, National Guard and Reserve, and citizens," said TreatNOW's Robert L. Beckman, PhD. "We have over 6,100 successes in our 93 Coalition clinics network. We have successfully helped treat and heal over 2,400 veterans and dozens of active duty Special Operations warriors. The VA's current Pilot Demonstration project using HBOT for PTSD patients has recently expanded to five sites. All patients treated thus far have shown significant medical improvement, further validating the safety and efficacy of HBOT for brain impairment."

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