



## The Emergency Assistance Fund Proposal Summary

If I offered you a million dollars for your left arm, would you sell it to me? No, of course not. Yet our military men and women lay their million dollar assets on the line for us every day. When it comes to America, there are people who give some, and some who give all.

The American people strongly desire to show appreciation for the service and sacrifice borne by the members and families of our nation's military forces.

America's military and their families give all for their country. Events each day remind us of the price they pay on behalf of us all. They give their courage, their bravery, and all too often their lives, so we can have a safer and more secure world.

What happens to our service men and women when they return home with grave physical injuries or with deep emotional scars? What happens to their families when they do not return at all? Each service person, each family faces its own private crisis. Too often, pain comes in the form of cancelled health insurance or unpaid mortgage or a rent bills. Sometimes the pain comes in small doses such as the inability to afford a telephone calling card so that an injured service person can talk with their loved ones from their hospital bed. The bravery of these men and women now helps them suffer the pain of their plight in silence, away from the thoughts of fellow citizens who owe them so much.

But there is a way for each American to say thank you in a simple, modest and most useful way.

A check-off on our annual federal tax return allowing each taxpayer to make a contribution to a fund devoted exclusively to our military, our veterans, and their immediate families will take small individual contributions and turn each contribution into a national commitment to help our heroes through most difficult times.

Americans are ready to serve those who served America.