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<u>Testimony on SB 461 of Stuart A. Steinberg,</u> <u>Pesented by President Ronald H. Morgan, for Stuart A. Steinberg</u> <u>Vietnam Veterans of America, Oregon State Council,</u> <u>Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway Committee</u>

Legislators, Witnesses and Other Attending the Hearing:

My name is Ronald H. Morgan. I am the President of the Vietnam Veterans of America's Oregon State Council (VVA OSC) and am here to present testimony of Stuart A. Steinberg.

I served with the First Infantry Division (The Big Red One) in the Republic of Vietnam in four campaigns between July 1967 through July 1968. My twenty six year career in the U.S. Army included service in the Army Security Agency in Berlin for five years as a German linguist in intelligence collection and later service with the National Security Agency in intelligence analysis. After twelve years in Special Operations, service connected disabilities required my retirement.

I served my community as a sheriff's reserve deputy and an Oregon State Correction Officer until PTSD and other service connected disabilities led to an early retirement in 1998.

For over thirteen years I have dedicated my time to support my fellow veterans, serving with VVA and several other veteran service organizations (VSOs) at both, local, and state levels.

It is with great honor that I present the following testimony, as it reflects both, my sentiments and those of thousands of our brothersin-arms:

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