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Dear Ohio Service Member,

The United States military has a long history of leadership in trauma medicine. Providing innovative diagnostic tools and treatments to injured soldiers has kept the military at the cutting edge of trauma research. A current military priority is developing improved methods for the detection and treatment of traumatic brain injuries sustained in the Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom conflicts.

If you experienced a traumatic brain injury as part of your service, you may be eligible to participate in a research study funded by the U.S. Department of Defense. Please note that we are also looking for volunteers who were involved in the OIF/OEF conflicts but did NOT experience a traumatic brain injury.

This project uses a new and safe technology, called Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging (fMRI), to analyze differences in how the brain functions after an injury. You are not eligible to participate in the study if you have metal objects in your body, poor vision, a history of claustrophobia (i.e., fear of being in small spaces), or are pregnant.

Your participation will involve a single visit lasting approximately 6 hours. You will undergo a series of psychological tests and MRI scans of the brain. The study is conducted at the Cleveland Clinic Main Campus located in Cleveland, OH. All travel costs will be reimbursed and you will be paid \$20 per hour for your participation.

Most importantly, you will have the opportunity to help the medical profession identify improved methods for diagnosing combat-related traumatic brain injuries.

For more information or to enroll, please call 216-445-2211

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen M. Rao".

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