

Mr. John Richardson's Public Forum Statement
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For the record, this all I intend to state.

My circumstances are the same as stated when I appeared before you in October of last year; therefore, I would like this same information submitted for the record again. There is one exception; however, the Social Security Administration, specifically the Disability Department, has reviewed my military and civilian medical records and also determined I should retired on disability. This is the third Government Agency--the first two being the Navy and Veterans Administration--to review my injury and medical condition and confirm my original diagnosis, as well as documentation from numerous medical professionals. For your information, the Social Security Administration has a higher standard of proof than the Department of Labor and the Office of Personnel Management. Again, I am entering my third year of limbo. I am still unable to completely and permanently retire and begin the next phase of my life. Again, I ask the Task Force to contact DHS Secretary Jeh Johnson and ask that he allow me to retire from my Federal position with the grace and dignity I have earned. Thank you.