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Washington, D.C. – Today, in the first analysis of its kind, the Rand Corporation released a study that fo

In response, Congressman Jerry McNerney released the following statement and submitted it to the Cor

“Today, we received more disturbing news about the tremendous strain that overseas deployments have

“The Rand Corporation released a study that found roughly one in five U.S. troops is suffering from major

“The study also found that even more have suffered some form of traumatic brain injury, often considere

“While this trend is not new, this study confirms what we have known for some time: extended tours and

“What is perhaps most disturbing is the finding that only about half those with PTSD or depression have

“This means that while one in five of our men and women are suffering, only a quarter of those who com

“I’ve heard from veterans in my district who never sought mental health treatment either because it was

“Without treatment, these veterans are at risk of engaging in self-destructive behavior like drinking and u

“This is why we must take this study seriously.

“These brave men and women offered to lay down their lives in defense of our Nation.

“We owe them no less than an absolute commitment to provide them with the support and care they need