

June 12, 2010

To: The Army Physical Disability Review Board
Army Review Boards Agency
251 18th Street South, Suite 385
Arlington, VA 22202-3531

I would like to submit this letter regarding my VA Rating Decision, dated May 12, 2009. I feel that the assigned ratings are incorrect for my Right Elbow and Asthma conditions.

For the Right Elbow condition, the IPEB rated it 20% since it cannot bend more than 70°, but my medical records did not specify that my right arm is my dominant arm. According to the VASRD, if I cannot bend the elbow of my dominant arm more than 70°, it should be rated 30%. To this letter, I have attached a note from my physician that confirms that my right arm is indeed my dominant arm. All of his contact information is included on the note if you would like to contact him directly.

For the Asthma condition, I was given a 10% rating because my FEV-1 test result was 75%. The IPEB failed to take into account, however, that I require the use of an inhaler every day. This is rated by the VASRD as 30%. I have attached the physician's notes from the time of my separation with this information, and have highlighted the note about needing to use my inhaler every day.

I would greatly appreciate a full review of these conditions and all my other conditions to ensure that my ratings are correct. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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