Dear Sir:

I am a military veteran of 27 years and was drafted during the Vietnam conflict. I served in Saigon for a year and a half and was one of the lucky ones to return home safely.

I read through your Interim Report Executive Summary with respect to the Selective Service System that you are considering an option to expand the registration requirement to include women. I strongly oppose this consideration. Why are you even considering drafting women when they have no business in the military in the first place. They do not belong in the military except maybe in very limited positions that require them to wear a dress and not a man's uniform. Our current military is way overly saturated with women and this is not good. When I was in the service, the very few women that were in were not even allowed on Navy ships. Now they are all over the place. There is nothing more disgusting than to see a female in combat boots and fatigues or even in a sailor's dress blue uniform. To make matters worse, the DOD has relaxed the strict uniform and grooming rules and regulations that apply to men in order to accommodate women. Now the women in the military can wear their hair long or in a pony tail. How pathetic is this and what an insult to the men in uniform. A mother who abandons her kids at home to enlist in the military should be ashamed of herself and the DOD should not allow this to happen.

Please don't tell me that times have changed. The military has always been a male environment and it must remain that way and women do not belong. I always thought the Marines were a select group of rough and tough men. Not anymore. They allow women in their ranks and that makes them a bunch of weaklings.

It seems to me that the military recruiters are scraping the bottom of the barrel by enlisting any female that walks in through their doors in order to meet recruitment goals. If worse comes to worse, initiate the draft again for men only....no women. Our young generation of pot smoking men of today need to experience military discipline that will teach them to become better members of society. Because of their physical anatomy, women in the military will never by combat ready. The majority of men don't want them in their ranks and are forced to put up with them. What a sad state of affairs.

On the same subject, transgender people should not be allowed to serve in the military for reasons that should be obvious to any politician with any lick of common sense.

I hope that you in the National Committee will take my thoughts and comments seriously and act on them. There is no doubt that the current number of women in the military needs to be vastly reduced if we are to have strong fighting force. The answer is simple.....stop enlisting women in the military. Thank you.

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