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National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service Attention: RFI COMMENT - Docket 05-2018-01 2530 Crystal Drive, Suite 1000, Room 1029 Arlington, VA 22202

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Dear Commissioners,

PLEASE read the enclosed mailing from the Union of concerned Scientists. It documents the real threat to our National Security, our public health, our public infrastructures, and our food supplies.

NONE of these threats to our country can be met by military means. In fact, our military budget takes taxpayer dollars from funding the ways to meet these grave threats to our country. Indeed, our military adds to the threat of climate change with every warplane flown, every naval vessel sailed, every soldier transported to one of our 80 military bases.

On a more personal note, my father enlisted in the Navy after Pearl Harbor and was a Lieutenant jg when he was killed in 1942 on duty in a naval airplane crash. He left a widow who had only been married for seven years and four children under the age of six. It was difficult to explain to us little ones what Death was, let alone why our beloved father had been killed.

Please end the draft. We must stop training our young men to be killers. We should instead encourage them to be good stewards of our beloved land and to care for all our fellow creatures in this imperiled planet.

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Sincerely,