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**Dear Selective Service Hearing Members:**

**Selective Service Hearing: Should Registration be Expanded to All Americans? – Arguments against expansion**

1. The House of Representatives has not had a public hearing on women in combat since 1979. The Senate has not considered the issue since 1991 (except a brief meeting with officials from the Pentagon, February of 2016.)
2. Obama's Defense Secretary Ashton Carter unilaterally decided military women should be eligible for combat arms on the same involuntary basis as men. His objective was social policy (equality) and not the abiding importance of military readiness.
3. Marine Commandant General Joseph Dunford requested exceptions for Infantry and Special Ops Forces, based on tests conducted 2012 through 2015. The tests showed "that in simulated close combat tasks, all-male units outperformed gender-mixed teams 69% of the time."
4. SecDef Carter denied General Dunford's request, despite test evidence indicating "gender-mixed units were less lethal during simulated combat missions attacking the enemy."
5. Texas District Judge Gary H. Miller on February 22, 2019, that the Selective Service system is unconstitutional in that it requires only males to register. The Judge used an equal protection standard because the previous administration insisted on changing the long-standing rules on women in combat.

The Supreme Court (1981, *Rostker vs. Goldberg*) had ruled Congress could exempt women from Selective Service registration because Women were not assigned to direct ground combat units. Judge Miller overturned the Supreme Court decision, based on SecDef Carter's rationale that women could handle combat as well as men. (Someone should have suggested SecDef Carter watch "Band of Brothers.")

6. Congress could redeem itself in the eyes of the American public by reviewing the policy changes of the Obama Administration and the research produced by the Marines, documenting three years of testing. The House and Senate Armed Services Committees could conduct public hearings to ensure all testimonies are presented.

7. The primary mission of American military forces is to defend the country and its interests. The Selective Service is designed to provide necessary manpower for combat operations mobilized during a major military emergency. There are many areas in the military where women have served their country. Combat requires strength and endurance; it should be limited to men. Most women cannot meet combat arms standards; most men can.

The Military should not be subject to equal opportunity/employment standards as the Civilian sector is. Not everyone should serve just because they might want to do so. The Military has medical standards that are disqualifying for enlistment. Social experiments should be kept in the Civilian sector and not creep into the Military, where life and death outcomes depend on male strength and endurance (Audie Murphy, one of the most decorated American soldiers of WW II, was turned down by the Marine Corps and the Navy. The Army took him, and history was made.)

May the Lord give you wisdom to make a just, deliberative decision that fulfills the military mission. (We do not need to risk our military women to capture by radical Islamists because they are not as strong to fend off the attackers. We have seen what ISIS has done to women in Syria.)

### **Will the Commission Recommend Co-Ed Conscription for Military or National Service?**

In 2017 Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman John McCain established the "National Commission on Military, National, & Public Service." It was authorized



to do a three-year study, \$45 million. In February of 2019 the commission published its first five-page memorandum, assuming the following:

a) "Women would be equally effective in combat arms units--such as, infantry if a draft were necessary, and"

(Lt Col Oliver North might have some interesting information to add to the commission's data.)

b) "The government should be empowered to deprive young people of personal freedom for reasons other than national defense."

(The Declaration of Independence declares "that we are endowed by our Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness." Article 1, Section 8, of the U. S. Constitution states the powers of Congress. Forcing young people into National and/or Public Service is not under the jurisdiction of Congress. Also, Amendment X states "the powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.")

(The preamble to the Constitution states "WE THE PEOPLE of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.")

(Government by the People for the People means Liberty for the People. No one should consider depriving our young people of the liberty to choose their paths in life under a government mandated National and Public Service program.)

The National Commission's February Staff Memorandum goes on to suggest ways to ensure compliance: punishments, sanctions, ineligibility for government benefits or employment, fines or imprisonment. "a well-structured mandatory service program would require a system to monitor participation." --page 5.

(This coercion is not Liberty; it is Tyranny. The final statement of The Declaration of Independence states "And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor." Our Founding Fathers (56 men) signed the Declaration, willing to risk all for Liberty. The torch of liberty must be passed from one generation to another, or it will be extinguished.)

I do hope you will consider the sacrifices of our Founding Fathers and subsequent generations and preserve Liberty by determining a mandatory National and Public Service program is not necessary for a free people.

Sincerely,

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