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**VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION AND STANDARD MAIL**

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Dear General Hokanson and Secretary Austin—

I write to express my sincere appreciation to every member of the United States Armed Forces. I have the utmost respect for our military, national guard, and all who defend our freedoms. The men and women each of you lead are the greatest among us—they risk their very lives to serve our nation. Their indispensable service should never be trivialized.

Yet, in recent days, there has been a dangerous and troubling trend in which members of our armed forces are being used to intimidate civilians, harass members of Congress and their staff, and attack conservative journalists for expressing their views. The last 68 days are a testimony to the complete politicization and misuse of our armed forces, including:

- President Biden’s unnecessary mass military occupation of Washington D.C. to conduct a largely virtual inauguration ceremony on January 20, 2021.
- Forcing national guard troops to abandon their families, jobs, and responsibilities to stand sentry 24 hours-a-day around the Capitol Complex while being malnourished, poorly housed, and without mission throughout one of the coldest winters in recent memory.
- Guam’s Congressional Delegate, Michael San Nicolas, leading more than two dozen National Guard troops to ambush my office unannounced and subsequently video record my staff without solicitation or consent.
- Defense Department Spokesperson John Kirby criticizing a conservative journalist for registering concern about maternity flight suits and the effect this would have on U.S. military readiness vis-à-vis China.

The men and women of our armed forces took an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States. They did not sign up to play party politics and act as extras in an ongoing culture war. Imagine if I, or any of my Republican colleagues from Georgia, marched with members of the Georgia National Guard over to a Democrat Member of Congress’ office to ambush and record their staff.

The National Guardsmen currently stationed at the U.S. Capitol are being used as pawns by the Democrats in Congress. While thousands of illegal aliens are pouring into our country through the Southern border, American servicemen are being forced to “defend” Fort Pelosi. The barricade that has been constructed here keeps American people out while illegal aliens flood into our country, taking jobs and taxpayer funded resources from the American people.

This stunt dishonors the men and women of our armed forces by using them as a prop rather than recognizing them as servicemen who should be lauded for their duty and sacrifice to our nation. who deserve to be thanked personally for the sacrifice they make to ensure our country’s security.

Surely the defense of our nation is of such preeminent importance that the men and women tasked with preserving it should be training, preparing, and fully focused to face rapidly evolving external threats—especially China—rather than playing guard at the nation’s capital and roaming the halls of Congressional office buildings to serve the media cravings of aspiring delegates.

Therefore, I respectfully request that:

- The National Guard units stationed throughout the Capitol be withdrawn to their respective home states,
- The recently erected fencing with razor wire be entirely dismantled and removed, and
- That members of our armed forces no longer be used as a political tool to intimidate, harass, or critique members of the press or Congress, and most importantly American people who want to visit our nation’s capital

As the wife and daughter to men who served in the military, I strongly support the mission of our armed forces and look forward to thanking each and every one of the troops you lead for their sacrifice and contribution to our nation.

Sincerely—



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