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President Joseph R. Biden Jr.  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden:

Sir, as an honorably retired member of the USAF, after 32 years of service, I humbly write you on your inauguration day to wish you congratulations, and to respectfully ask for your assistance. My requests to our preceding Presidents are chronicled at <https://hoping4justice.org/>. Particularly given the recent vast Presidential pardons and clemency actions, my request for favorable consideration of Executive-level pardons or clemency for all U.S. Servicemembers that were punished over the anthrax vaccine during the timeframe it was not properly licensed, is warranted and just.

Federal Courts affirmed the vaccine program was experimental, and therefore the mandatory program was illegal, prior to the 2005 FDA licensing of the vaccine (See 538 F. Supp. 2d at 210). This means correction of records for those who previously chose to not participate in the program should be an academic and honorable course of action. Corrections under your authority as the President would be a well-received exercise of civilian control of the military.

Approximately 1,000 members of our armed forces suffered wide ranging disciplines, from dishonorable discharges and felony convictions to fines and reprimands, over the anthrax vaccine program. Though there has been military correction board guidance by the DoD for a general review of injustices, equities and errors, the unfortunate reality is that only a handful of anthrax vaccine record corrections occurred. One example I advocated for was that of Sgt James Muhammad, USMC. His discharge was upgraded to fully honorable. His rank was restored, and he received a retroactive Good Conduct Medal. But, there are 1,000 or more Servicemembers also worthy of clemency or pardon.

This appeal is also justified and timely in light of current events. Beyond the commonsense reality that the troops who refused, and were punished, did not commit any violations from a historical lens, the reality also exists that those same troops are the very reason we have Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) laws on the books today. That law allowed all Americans to be able to receive a vaccine for COVID prior to full FDA approval. The anthrax vaccine was the first use of the EUA mechanism, based on the fact our troops proved it was not fully FDA approved until December 2005.

As well, for over 20-years I have appealed to our nation's leaders for record corrections for our troops in a methodical, respectful and professional manner. My professional dissent and civil discourse on this matter led to congressional testimonies, an award winning Master's thesis at the Naval Postgraduate School, strong relationships with national leaders such as Senator Richard Blumenthal, and continued service where I achieved promotion selection for the rank of Colonel. Formerly punished Servicemembers were similarly professional in accepting sanctions gracefully. One of the very reasons these punishments went largely unnoticed is due their benchmark respectfulness and professionalism.

Our entire nation owes those troops a debt of gratitude, not only due to these troops' pivotal role in the promulgation of EUA authorities, but also for their dutiful example of good conduct and discipline. As our President, I respectfully request you show our nation's gratitude by directing military records be corrected via unilateral pardons or clemency.

Very Respectfully,



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