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President Donald J. Trump The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Trump:

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Sir, I wrote you four letters during your first term as Commander in Chief. My mission continues to be securing record corrections for our troops that were wrongfully punished over the Clinton-era anthrax vaccine mandate.

You were the first President that listened and acted. One of your early advisors, Joseph Schmitz, coordinated what resulted in a 2018 memo for corrections of errors, injustices and inequities (See Attach 1). Unfortunately, the memo did not specify anthrax mandate corrections, was never published by the DoD, and resulted in only two corrections out of thousands of our troops negatively impacted by discharges and adverse personnel actions.

To be frank, the DoD undermined and obscured the intent of the White House directed corrections, marginalized the remedies by making our troops apply, and ultimately kicked the can into the next administration where all corrections were halted. Now, with the stroke of a pen, you can fix it once and for all.

With this letter I continue my over two decade plea to you as our Commander in Chief to decisively direct overdue record corrections for anthrax mandate-era troops. As with your Executive Order for justice related to the COVID mandates, anthrax-era troops deserve record corrections for that mandate which was declared illegal by Article III federal courts. Those troops were demoted and discharged dishonorably, with some jailed.

The objective would be to direct unconditional and unilateral upgrades to characterizations of discharge for the thousands of troops that were less than honorably discharged from 1997 to 2005 over the patently illegal anthrax vaccine mandate. Congress amended 10 USC 1178 in 2001, requiring the DoD to track anthrax mandate separations and refusals, so the task for our DoD should not require any troops to apply for corrections.

The 2018 DoD memo led to unprecedent clemency rulings for Sgt(s) James Muhammad and Ocean Rose, USMC. Their discharges were upgraded to fully honorable; rank was restored; they received a retroactive Good Conduct Medals. But the reality that only a couple injustices were corrected effectively increased the inequities.

An Executive Order designed to erase this stain on military history is appropriate, not only to correct the injustices, but also to send a firm message regarding civilian oversight of the military. Draft Executive Orders and background information are available at the following websites:

https://hoping4justice.org/letters-to-presidents and http://unyielding.org

Very Respectfully,

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Attach 1: Robert L. Wilkie memo