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The undersigned retired Generals and Admirals are endorsing Donald J. Trump for president in 2024 because he is a proven leader who will secure our border, repulse our adversaries, revitalize our economy and keep America safe and strong.

It can be argued easily this is the most important election since our Nation was founded. We are at a historic crossroad where we must either choose to stand for our Constitution and its underlying traditional values which have made America great, or we continue down the path the current administration's top leadership is taking into the deadly abyss of socialism and authoritarian cultural Marxism.

Today our Nation has never been more divided as the cultural war, supported by the Democratic party, divides our citizens into conflicting groups. Recent evidence is the widespread riots on university campuses with students and faculty supporting terrorist organizations, Hamas and Hezbollah, blatantly flying their flags on American soil and burning our U.S. national flag.

While this divisive domestic strife is dividing our Country, our foreign enemies have been on the march, taking advantage of the political/social disorder in America. In its July 29, 2024 report, the bipartisan congressional "Commission on the National Defense Strategy" said: "The United States confronts the most serious and the most challenging threats since the end of World War II. The United States could in short order be drawn into a war across multiple theaters with peer and near-peer adversaries, and it could lose." In its comprehensive annual report "Index of U.S. Military Strength", the Heritage Foundation rated the overall strength of our military as "weak".

These assessments should be shocking to any American. Our national security is in serious jeopardy and our adversaries know it. As the Administration imposes divisive social engineering programs embodied in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at the expense of warfighting readiness, China, Iran, Russia, North Korea, and global terrorists are rapidly expanding their capabilities and aggressiveness. This did not happen during Donald Trump's presidency. Political policies and actions coming from the current Administration (President & Vice President) have placed the U.S. into this perilous situation. Some examples:

• **Open borders:** The influx of countless millions of unvetted illegals from 160 countries, including ~100,000 Chinese, most of military age, plus thousands of criminals and terrorists, place America at great risk. Future terrorist attacks of some size and fashion on U.S. soil are a near certainty. Border security is national security.

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- The Economy and Inflation: Inflation caused by the Administration's policies, affect national defense because it decreases the money available to properly equip, train, arm and size our military. Today, just the annual interest on our debt exceeds the entire defense budget. That is not sustainable. Every dollar spent paying interest on the national debt is a dollar wasted and not available for defense of our country.
- **Physical and mental condition of the CINC:** A May 2021 letter signed by over 200 retired flag officers said: "The mental and physical condition of the Commander-In-Chief cannot be ignored. He must be able to quickly make accurate national security decisions involving life and limb anywhere, day or night." For the past 3.5 years, the CINC's/President's obvious impairments have been deliberately concealed and denied by the Vice President and others, placing politics above national security.

Among others, the above national security threats are based on political policies; therefore, they can be reversed by new policies. We endorse Donald J. Trump for president based on his proven national security track record. His policies, coupled with his ability to implement them in the face of opposition, worked before and will work again.

We must ask: " Is our national security stronger or weaker today than four years ago?" The answer is clear. We urge our fellow Americans to join us in supporting the election of Donald J. Trump for president. Our future is at stake.

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