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Dear General and Admiral,

There is a lot in the news about issues that include our Service Academies. As a USAF Academy graduate and on behalf of Stand Together Against Racism and Radicalism in the Services, Inc. (STARRS), led by Service Academy graduates and General Officers, I express our support for the vitality of our Service Academies while also being a voice for our cadets and midshipmen and American citizens who count on a healthy military.

The primary issue—most pressing based on headlines and discussion within the halls of Congress—is the COVID-19 vaccination mandate. Congressman Kevin McCarthy has publicly stated he discussed this matter with the President last week and insists the mandate will be eliminated in the pending National Defense Authorization Act. He also mentioned remedies.

Additionally, the recent Doster Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals ruling to protect our troops against a mandated vaccination included statements regarding the “human cost” of the mandates. The evidence now reveals the vaccine does not prevent the disease, nor prevent those vaccinated

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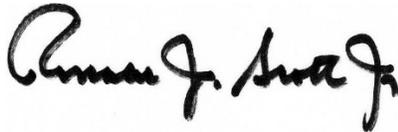
from infecting others, which disputes the false claims the vaccine would do otherwise. The trend is in favor of the mandate being eliminated with corresponding remedies for those adversely affected, such as being reinstated with backpay and records purged of disciplinary action. Any “healing” to take place will certainly be dependent upon our senior leaders “taking charge” of the remedial process. This is a request for your help (courage and leadership).

In particular, we encourage you to cease any negative actions against cadets and midshipmen who have elected not to take the COVID vaccine. Furthermore, we encourage you to begin preparations to receive cadets and midshipmen back into the academy’s ranks with appropriate remedies.

Recent surveys reveal a significant loss of trust and confidence in our military leadership, arguably as a result of the vaccine mandate and corresponding human costs. With a new Congress taking charge this next month, now is a good time to anticipate hearings and investigations and to initiate remedies.

STARRS stands by to assist in any way we can to restore trust and confidence in our military, especially our Service Academies.

V/r,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald J. Scott, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

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