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Dear Ms. Allred:

Thank you for your letter dated March 16, 2017, in which you requested that survivors of social media harassment be allowed to testify before a House Armed Services Committee hearing.

The revelations surrounding the Marines United case are very disturbing. The committee believes the Military Services must ensure that all servicemembers are treated with dignity and respect. In addition to the social media hearing held last week, the Subcommittee on Military Personnel plans to hold a future hearing on sexual assault prevention and response. As part of that hearing, the subcommittee will hear from a panel of survivors of sexual assault and harassment. To the maximum extent possible, the survivor panel will be comprised of individuals whose cases have been fully investigated and adjudicated in order to prevent any compromise of on-going criminal investigations.

Thank you again for your letter.

Sincerely,



William M. "Mac" Thornberry  
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Adam Smith, Ranking Member, House Armed Services Committee

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