## Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Pamela Bondi Attorney General U.S. Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, D.C. 20530 The Honorable Peter Hegseth Secretary of War U.S. Department of War 1000 Defense Pentagon Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Attorney General Bondi and Secretary Hegseth,

We write to formally request that the Department of Justice and Department of War investigate several Members of Congress who made a video calling upon enlisted men and women to defy orders from their Commander in Chief, President Donald Trump.<sup>1</sup> This blatant act of treason demands a full investigation not only for the treason we witnessed in the videos, but any implications they may have within the ranks of our Armed Forces.

We were appalled to learn that Senators Kelly and Slotkin, and Representatives Crow, Deluzio, Goodlander, and Houlahan, attempted to use their elected office to pressure our service members into defying orders from the President for political reasons.<sup>2</sup> Each of these elected officials took an oath before God and the American people to uphold the United States Constitution—a Constitution that clearly establishes the President's authority as Commander in Chief. Our military serves at the direction of the President to defend the homeland and meet challenges abroad. By urging uniformed personnel to disregard that chain of command, these officials have abandoned their oath and tarnished their own service.

The United States Military is a nonpartisan institution that demands greatness from its warfighters—greatness that can only be achieved when soldiers put politics aside and serve together in defense of their nation. Their mission is carried out under the direction of a civilian Commander in Chief, currently President Donald Trump, whose leadership reflects the will of the American people who elected him. These Members of Congress have lost sight of that principle, giving into hysteria fueled by their animosity towards President Trump and those who elected him. These Members have urged our military to elevate their personal politics above duty and engage in blatant insubordination. History has shown that even the greatest of nations fall when their military acts on ideological division.

Given the position and influence of the elected officials involved in this incident, we appreciate prompt attention to this matter. Your agencies have worked tirelessly to create and protect the greatest military force in the history of mankind, an institution so vital that it demands steadfast safeguarding. We trust that under your leadership, this institution will be protected through the investigation and appropriate prosecution of all actions that attempt to undermine its integrity, regardless of who incites it.

Thank you for your attention to this pressing matter. We look forward to your response.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Greg Jaffe, Democratic Lawmakers Tell Military to Refuse Illegal Order, THE N.Y. TIMES (Nov. 18, 2025).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Rebecca Beitsch, *Slotkin, Kelly lead Democrats in military, intelligence appeal: 'You can refuse illegal orders'*, THE HILL (Nov. 18, 2025).

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