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Dear Messrs. Arcangeli and Sennott:

As you may know, the National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service (the Commission) will, by statute, terminate on September 18, 2020.

It has been our honor to serve as Chairman and Vice Chair for Military Service, respectively, of the National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service (the Commission) for the past three years. As you know, the Commission submitted its final report to Congress and the President on March 25, 2020. The final report contains recommendations to modernize the Selective Service System and to increase awareness of and aspiration and access to all forms of service. The Commission believes the changes reflected in the final report are critical to realizing a culture of service in America.

We recognize the challenges that COVID-19 have placed on the schedule and were pleased to hear members express support for holding hearings on the Commission's recommendations in order to consider the Commission's proposals in connection with the FY22 NDAA. We would welcome the opportunity to testify before the House Armed Service Committee (the Committee) or, in the alternative, provide a briefing to Committee members.

Although the Commission will disestablish at the end of next week, we and our fellow Commissioners remain available to testify before and meet with the Committee. We have established an email account to facilitate future communications – inspire2serveus@gmail.com. Until that time, you may reach out to us directly or via Paul Lekas, General Counsel, at paul.n.lekas@inspire2serve.com.

We have appreciated the support of Chairman Smith and Ranking Member Thornberry during our tenure on the Commission.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Joseph J. Heck Chairman The Honorable Debra S. Wada Vice Chair for Military Service

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