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Dear Members of Congress,

As veterans who have worn the uniform of this nation with honor and fidelity, we write to you with grave concern. The strength, discipline, and apolitical integrity of the United States military have long been cornerstones of our national security and global leadership. Today, we fear that both are under threat — not from foreign adversaries alone, but from within our own system of government.

Throughout our service, we swore an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States — an oath that did not expire when we left active duty. That Constitution vests Congress with a sacred duty: to serve as a check on executive overreach, preserve civilian oversight of the military, and ensure that our armed forces are never politicized or weakened by administrative mismanagement.

We have witnessed the erosion of military readiness, the politicization of the chain of command, and reckless decisions that have put our national security and global standing at risk. From failures in secure military communications and the mishandling of classified protocols — placing the lives of military pilots and service members at risk — to the chilling effects of new measures like the SAVE Act that burden active duty personnel seeking to exercise their right to vote, this administration has repeatedly failed those who serve and those who have served. Meanwhile, cuts to essential VA services have left many veterans without the critical care and support they were promised.

We are less safe now than we were before — not simply because of adversaries abroad, but because of the breakdown of responsible leadership, transparency, and constitutional guardrails here at home.

Veterans across this country — from every branch and background — are watching with alarm. We did not risk our lives to defend a Republic only to see its core institutions undermined by unchecked executive power and short-sighted politics.

We respectfully urge you to follow the example of Rep. Don Bacon and others who have stood for principle over partisanship. Use the full weight of your congressional authority to investigate executive overreach, beginning with oversight hearings into recent security lapses that have jeopardized operational integrity and accountability in the chain of command. Examine the steady degradation of military readiness and demand a public accounting of the policies that have weakened our armed forces. Reverse cuts to critical VA programs and ensure that veterans and their families receive the support they have earned. Protect the rights of active duty personnel to participate fully in our democracy without undue burden. And reassert robust civilian oversight of

the military by safeguarding the integrity of whistleblowers and Inspectors General — those who serve as the final line of defense against corruption and misuse of power.

This is not a partisan call. It is a constitutional one.

We stand ready to lend our voices and our signatures in defense of the Republic we love.

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