

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

August 5, 2015

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20500

The Honorable Ashton Carter
Secretary of Defense
1000 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1000

Dear Mr. President and Secretary Carter,

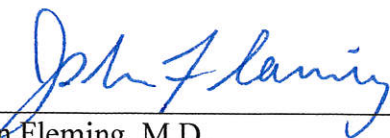
We write to you to express our concerns regarding recent reports that the Navy is considering charges against Lieutenant Commander Timothy White for his use of a firearm in defense of the Navy Operational Support Center in Chattanooga, Tennessee. We urge the Navy to refrain from any disciplinary action against LCDR White as it conducts its review of the incident.

The tragic shootings on July 16, 2015 highlighted the need for the Department of Defense (the Department) to revise its current regulations banning service members from carrying firearms on military installations. There is widespread agreement for new security procedures to be implemented at these facilities, as indicated by the DOD's July 29, 2015 memo and ongoing discussions regarding provisions within the Fiscal Year 2016 National Defense Authorization Act. It is imprudent that the Navy should consider charging LCDR White with Uniform Code of Military Justice violations under the current directive even as the Department reviews its own firearms policies.

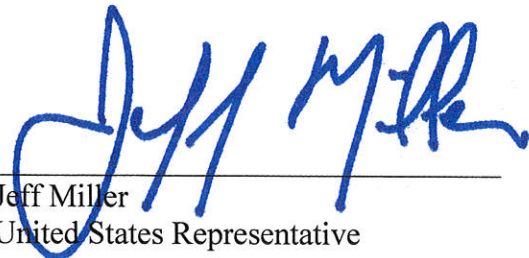
Lieutenant Commander White's bravery during this incident undoubtedly saved lives. He should be commended for his actions, not disciplined.

We respectfully request that you provide assurances that the Navy will not move forward with any disciplinary action against LCDR White and thank you for your support of our service members who defend and keep our nation free.

Sincerely,



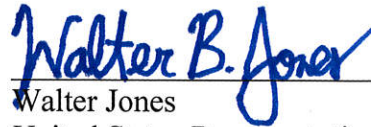
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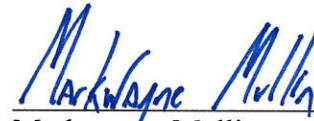
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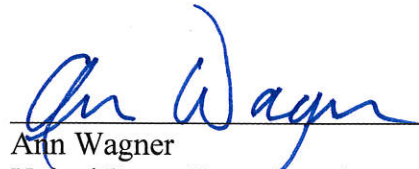
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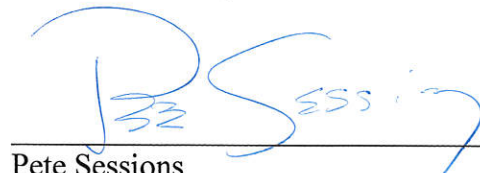
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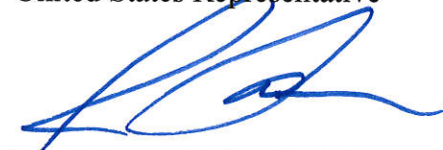
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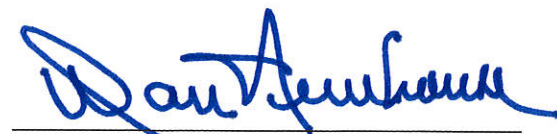
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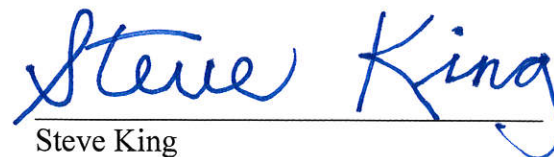
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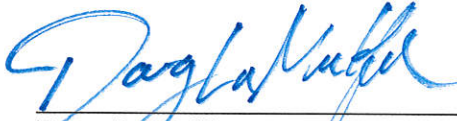
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