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Honorable Robert M. Speer
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Dear Mr. Speer,

Chaplain Alliance for Religious liberty is an organization of chaplain endorsers whose members provide over 2,700 chaplains to our armed forces. As you know, this represents more than fifty percent of those currently serving. We write to you expressing grave concern over Army Directive 2017-06 (Promoting Diversity and Inclusion), the last directive from the outgoing Secretary of the Army signed just hours before his resignation.

Recent reports given by senior military leaders to the House Armed Services Committee note serious concern over the decline in military readiness. We believe this decline is in direct proportion to the social engineering forced on our armed forces during the previous administration. This action by Secretary Fanning is just one example of valuable resources of time, money, and manpower being wasted to promote a political agenda.

The directive, in addition to adding layers of bureaucracy concerning appointment of civilian and military leaders, requires the development of a plan to provide mandated "training on implicit or unconscious bias." The secretary does not define what this so-called unconscious bias is, but we believe this is a direct assault on those Army personnel who hold traditional Biblical beliefs concerning sexual ethics.

Given the variety of serious threats our military faces every day, the Army must cease from continuing such training mandates that cannot be shown to help our soldiers be better prepared for combat readiness.

We sincerely wish to work with you to guarantee the spiritual readiness of our Army personnel. We look forward to your response.

Please send your reply to CH (COL) Ron Crews, USA Retired, Executive Direct, Chaplain Alliance for Religious Liberty, P O Box 151353, Alexandria, VA 22315.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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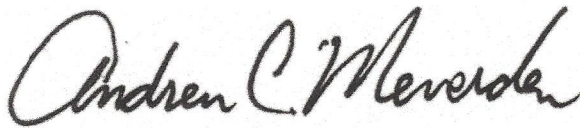


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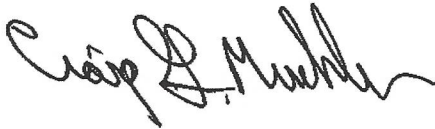
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