Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Mr. Secretary:

In light of the most recent attack in which four marines were killed at military service centers, domestic terrorist attacks and threats from ISIS on our military, we request you take immediate steps to allow our military personnel to be armed at these facilities. Since ISIS has declared war on the U.S. military, it is time we allow our service men and women to be armed to defend themselves. As we have learned from these attacks, soft targets like recruiting centers are at risk, and in these instances there were signs that read "gun-free zone."

Again, with a direct and specific threat from ISIS to attack American military facilities, it is vital that the Department immediately institute measures to protect our service members and interests at home and abroad. We would be glad to meet with you to discuss this matter but we encourage you to act immediately.

Respectfully,

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