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House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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Washington, DC 20515

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Senate Armed Services Committee
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House Committee on Oversight
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Senate Committee on Homeland Security
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Chairman Mike Bost
House Committee on Veterans' Affairs
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Chairman Jerry Moran
Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs
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Washington, DC 20510

Chairmen Rogers, Bost, Comer, Wicker, Paul, and Moran:


We write demanding the immediate opening of an investigation into the illegal release of Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill's military personnel records. As a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Congresswoman Sherrill served our Nation with distinction and honor. The illegal release of any servicemember's full, unredacted military records violates the Privacy Act of 1974. That is why your committees must launch investigations into this remarkable Trump Administration failure.


Today, we learned that records linked to Congresswoman Sherrill's military service were illegally released as part of an unsuccessful attempt to tarnish her reputation. This unprecedented act is a serious violation of privacy – from putting her Social Security number on nearly every page to disclosing sensitive personal information about her family – and a blatant breach of clear protocols for handling sensitive documents. This is a dangerous and corrupt attempt to weaponize the federal government for political purposes and meddle in New Jersey's fall elections. Determining all individuals involved in this illegal act and punishing them to the fullest extent of the law is essential to restoring public trust and reassuring current and former servicemembers that their privacy will not be violated by their own government, nor will their military service be misconstrued for partisan gain.


Congresswoman Sherrill has a well-documented record of serving our country as an officer in the Navy, a federal prosecutor, and a Member of the United States House of Representatives. She has a proven track record as a member of the House Armed Services Committee, where she has worked diligently in a bipartisan manner to deliver results for Picatinny Arsenal and the constituents of New Jersey's 11th Congressional District.


Under no circumstances should any veteran who answered the call of duty to serve our country have to worry about their sensitive military records being leaked and used as part of a political smear campaign. We demand that you open an investigation into this illegal act and use the full extent of your investigative authorities to shine a bright light on this inexcusable and illegal act. We stand ready to assist you in any possible way, and ask that you regularly provide us with updates as your committees work through the investigative process.

Sincerely,

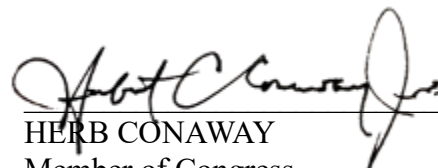

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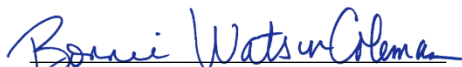

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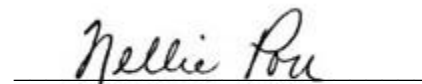

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