

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Pete Hegseth
Secretary of Defense
1000 Defense Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301

The Honorable Doug Collins
Secretary of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20420

The Honorable Kristi Noem
Secretary of Homeland Security
2707 Martin Luther King Jr., Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Secretaries Hegseth, Collins, and Noem,

We are writing to express profound concern regarding the deportation of veterans and servicemembers who have and are honorably serving in the United States Armed Forces. These individuals have demonstrated their commitment to our nation through their military service, and the prospect of their removal from the country they swore to defend raises serious questions about our nation's obligations and values.

Some estimates state that the number of deported veterans is over 10,000 individuals or even higher. To better understand the scope of this issue and to ensure our government is fulfilling its sacred responsibilities to our veterans, we request your responses to the following questions:

1. **Current Number of Veterans Facing Deportation:** What is the estimated number of veterans currently facing deportation proceedings within the United States?

Please provide a breakdown of these individuals by their current stage in the legal process (e.g. under investigation, in removal proceedings, with final deportation orders) and in what states they are located.

2. **Number of Veterans Deported:** How many U.S. veterans have been deported from the United States since January 20, 2025?
3. **Assistance for Veterans and Servicemembers in Immigration Cases:** What specific policies, programs, or initiatives are currently in place within the Department of Defense, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Department of Homeland Security to assist veterans and servicemembers who are working to gain U.S. citizenship or are facing deportation?

Please detail the type of assistance currently being provided, including legal aid, outreach efforts, and coordination between your departments. Additionally, please detail the length of time in service, and tracking and reporting mechanisms to help promote retention.

4. **Information on Immigration Status During Service:** What information is currently being provided to non-citizen recruits and service members regarding their immigration status and potential pathways to citizenship through military service?

Please describe the process by which this information is disseminated and at what stages of their military career it is provided.

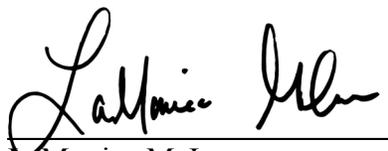
It is essential that our nation uphold its commitment to the men and women who have and are bravely serving in the armed forces. Understanding the challenges faced by non-citizen veterans in navigating our immigration system and the extent to which they are being deported is crucial for developing effective solutions and ensuring they receive the support and recognition they deserve.

We request a detailed response to these inquiries within 60 days of receipt of this letter. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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Member of Congress



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