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Stop Biden's Marxist Make-over of the U.S. Military

Conservative Leaders Urge Senators to: Support "Coach" Tuberville; Block Promotions of Officers Who Exemplify "Woke" Ideology; and Prevent a Debatelimiting Rule Change

WASHINGTON — Over three dozen influential conservatives representing millions of others across America have just <u>written</u> Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell and his Republican colleagues a powerful letter urging them to support the efforts led by Senator Tommy Tuberville of Alabama aimed at exposing and forcing votes on the promotions of flag and general officer nominees who "have embraced partisan policies and priorities utterly incompatible with the cohesive, highly trained and effective military we require."

The signatories, organized by the informal **Save America's Military Coalition (SAM)**, include prominent retired leaders of our armed forces, other national security professionals, influencers and top executives of large grassroots organizations. Their letter expressed grave concern that:

...Some 40% of the promotable officers now awaiting Senate approval have publicly expressed support for the imposition of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) policies upon our armed forces. With its emphasis on identity rather than merit, DEI is a classic example of Marxist doctrine aimed at dividing and conquering institutions like our uniformed services. The deleterious consequences of the application to date of this and related initiatives can be seen in the U.S. military's diminished performance, flagging morale and inability to retain and recruit needed personnel. Senators should not support the promotion of such officers under any circumstances.

As a means of illustrating this larger peril for America's uniformed services, the group letter identifies what might be called <u>"The Dirty Half-Dozen"</u> who are now awaiting Senate approval but should be considered unpromotable and their nominations rejected:

[Six] deeply problematic individuals who should be ineligible for senior uniformed leadership positions. More to the point, the pattern that emerges from a larger sample of those awaiting promotion makes clear that, like them, many officers are not simply "following orders" set by civilian political appointees committed to Critical Race Theory, the LGBTQ agenda, transsexual accommodations, the notion that climate change poses the greatest threat facing our nation, etc. Rather, they are *enthusiastic proponents* of fundamentally transforming the armed services to reflect these subversive priorities that not only have no bearing on military readiness and

deterrence but are actually extraordinarily harmful to performing what must be the Defense Department's preeminent missions.

We call upon you and all national security-minded Senators to ensure that these six nominees are not promoted, thereby powerfully communicating to America's servicemen and women that their own careers will be judged and advanced on the basis exclusively of actual performance-based merit – rather than enthusiasm for the Biden administration's radically un-American political agenda.

In late September, many of the Save America's Military Coalition's partners laid out their concerns about the Biden administration's evident determination to affect a Marxist make-over of the U.S. military in a powerful "telethon" urging the Senate to intervene. A thirty-five-minute distillation of their most important points should be required viewing by Senators and their constituents.

Finally, the signers of the group letter warned the Senate's Republican minority that:

...It would be exceedingly ill-advised for the Senate to adopt a change to its rules in response to Sen. Tuberville's efforts that would have the effect of reducing the rights of the minority to impede the majority's ambition to preclude needed deliberation about groups of nominees, judges or legislative initiatives. We urge you to vote against any "standing order" that would have that effect.

At a moment when the world is increasingly engulfed in conflicts imperiling our vital interests and allies and there is a growing probability that we will experience in the near future attacks *on our homeland*, as well, it is imperative that our military be led by *warriors* who have been promoted exclusively on the basis of performance-based merit and earned the confidence of our servicemen and women in their ability and determination actually to defend our Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic.

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