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Hon. Mitch McConnell
Republican Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

We, the undersigned, write in support of the principled stand your colleague, Senator Tommy Tuberville of Alabama, has taken in the face of the Defense Department's policy of using taxpayer funds in connection with abortion-related travel and other expenses in violation of federal law. We believe, moreover, that the nation owes him a great debt of gratitude for responding in a way that has exposed another, very serious danger – namely, the fact that large numbers of the senior military officers President Biden seeks to promote have embraced partisan policies and priorities utterly incompatible with the cohesive, highly trained and effective military we require.

For example, independently conducted research has revealed 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.

The attached slides offer specific examples of 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.

Finally, we respectfully suggest 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.

Sincerely,

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