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# United States Senate

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The Honorable John McCain  
Chairman  
Senate Armed Services Committee  
218 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Jack Reed  
Ranking Member  
Senate Armed Services Committee  
728 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman McCain and Ranking Member Reed,

The attacks on the Combined Armed Forces Recruiting Center and the Naval Operational Support Center and Marine Reserve Center in Chattanooga, Tennessee on July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015, resulting in the deaths of four Marines, one Sailor and injuries to others, have again raised great concerns with me about the security of our service members in and out of uniform, civilian employees, and their dependents. As such, I respectfully request that you, as Chairman and Ranking Member, schedule a hearing as soon as possible on the efforts the Department of Defense (DOD) is reviewing and/or taking regarding force protection of its service members and their families.

The hearing should address force protection programs on all DOD federal military installations to include but not limited to satellite locations such as recruiting depots and military enlistment processing stations. The hearing should address at a minimum current security status of locations, changes to security status based on threat, procedures to increase security levels, rules of engagement, training requirements, ability to increase manning of armed security personnel either permanently or through an auxiliary status, authority for military personnel to carry government firearms both concealed and openly carry to and from duty, funding, resources, and legal considerations. Witnesses should include but not be limited to the Secretary of Defense, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the Chiefs/Commandant of each of the respective Services.

During a time when our nation is at war, I believe it is in the best interest of our military members to assess their protection while on duty, even on the homefront. Thank you for considering this hearing request. The recent incident in Chattanooga, Tennessee, highlights ongoing concerns regarding the safety of our personnel on our DOD federal military installations.

Respectfully,



James M. Inhofe  
United States Senator