

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Jack Reed  
Chairman  
Senate Committee on Armed Services  
United States Senate  
728 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mike Rogers  
Chairman  
House Committee on Armed Services  
United States House of Representatives  
2469 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Reed and Chairman Rogers,

We write in strong opposition to the provision in the Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) forcing American women to register for the Selective Service System (SSS).

For the third time in four years, Democrats are attempting to force women into the draft. Let's be clear: American women have a proud legacy of service in our Armed Forces, especially so because their service has always been voluntary. Never in our history have women been forced to register for the draft. Yet the Biden administration and Senate Democrats want to discard this longstanding tradition and force women to fight in wars against their own will.

America's daughters, sisters, wives, and mothers can decide to join the military themselves. President Trump ran in part on a platform of avoiding World War III and ending the progressive policies infecting our military. The American people gave him a resounding electoral mandate. The Senate should prioritize America's national security instead of turning defense legislation into a tool of liberal social policy.

As the FY25 NDAA process continues, we strongly urge you to remove the provision in the Senate-version of the NDAA compelling women to register for SSS. Americans rejected social progressivism in 2024, and NDAA conferees should take this lesson to heart.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Josh Hawley  
United States Senator



Tom Cotton  
United States Senator



Ted Cruz  
United States Senator



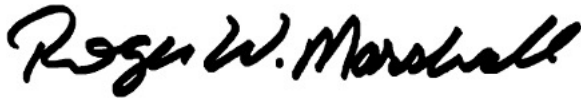
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