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The Honorable Mike Johnson Speaker of the House H-232, The Capitol Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson,

We applaud your leadership in facilitating the passage of H.R. 8070, the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025, which supports our men and women in uniform, provides the resources necessary to protect our nation, and – importantly – makes strides in restoring our military's focus by ending President Biden's divisive polices. However, we write today in opposition to the Senate Armed Services Committee's heinous decision to advance an NDAA that includes a provision to draft our daughters.

Instead of solely focusing on advancing our national security objectives, the Senate Armed Service Committee once again chose behind closed doors to report an NDAA that amends the Military Selective Service Act to register women with the selective service. Forcing young women to register for the selective service is an affront to our nation's values and does not enhance military readiness – the only metric by which Congress should measure an NDAA. This is yet another blatant attempt to advance a divisive agenda that seeks to eliminate all distinctions between males and females.

Under no circumstances should the House of Representatives greenlight a future that cripples the American family by sending mothers and daughters to the frontlines – drafted to be combat replacements for casualties on the battlefield – while fathers and sons stay home. A country that pursues radical social ideology over basic principles will not remain a strong, resilient nation.

We call on you to unequivocally oppose any effort to draft our daughters. This radical proposal has been defeated in the past and must be defeated once again. Therefore, we urge you and Chairman Mike Rogers to prevent any provision requiring women to register for selective service from being included in the final FY 2025 NDAA, or any NDAA thereafter. The reality is, if we are a country that actively chooses to forcibly conscript our daughters, we are past the point of rescue.

Sincerely,

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cc: The Honorable Mike Rogers Chairman Committee on Armed Services