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**MEMORANDUM**

**November 12, 2021**

**To: Members of the Subcommittee on National Security**

**Fr: Committee Staff**

**Re: Hearing on “Invisible Wounds: Preventing Suicide in Our Nation’s Military and Veteran Communities”**

On Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. ET in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building and remotely on the Zoom video platform, the Subcommittee on National Security will hold a hearing on the suicide crisis that continues to affect active duty servicemembers, veterans, and military families.

**I. HEARING PURPOSE**

The hearing will examine how the Department of Defense, Department of Veterans Affairs, and community organizations are working to strengthen mental health and curb the alarming rate of suicides among our nation’s military servicemembers and veterans. The hearing will consider “upstream risk factors” that may contribute to suicide, as well as the importance of adopting a holistic public health approach to suicide prevention. The hearing will also highlight the importance of supporting military families after the loss of a loved one.

**II. WITNESSES**

**Ms. Alyssa M. Hundrup**  
Director, Health Care  
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**Brigadier General (ret.) Jack Hammond**  
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**Dr. Carla Stumpf-Patton**  
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