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The Honorable Pat Roberts  
United State Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Roberts:

The Military Coalition (TMC), a consortium of nationally prominent military and veteran organizations, representing more than 5.5 million members plus their families and survivors, appreciates your leadership on the issue of renaming the Department of the Navy as the Department of the Navy and Marine Corps as envisioned in legislation (S. 504) that you've introduced addressing this issue.

The Coalition notes that identical legislation is included in the House Personnel Subcommittee markup of the FY 2011 National Defense Authorization Act. This reflects the Coalition's belief that the strategic partnership between the Navy and Marine Corps has served our Nation well for over two centuries and that the Marine Corps is deserving of recognition as an integral service within Department of the Navy. In addition, renaming the department would also strengthen the important relationship and impart significant respect of the Corps and the associated service and sacrifices of our magnificent Marines throughout our country's history.

The Coalition thanks you for your service to our Nation and for your strong support of this legislation. We also salute your untiring commitment to our currently serving military personnel and those who've served in the past.

Sincerely,

The Military Coalition  
(Signatures enclosed)

CC: Senators Carl Levin & John McCain

Air Force Women Officers Associated  
American Logistics Association  
AMVETS (American Veterans)  
Association of the United States Navy  
Chief Warrant Officer and Warrant Officer Association, U.S. Coast Guard  
Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service, Inc.  
Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States  
Fleet Reserve Association  
Gold Star Wives of America, Inc.  
Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America  
Marine Corps League  
Marine Corps Reserve Association  
National Association for Uniformed Services  
National Military Family Association  
National Order of Battlefield Commissions  
Naval Enlisted Reserve Association  
Non Commissioned Officers Association  
Reserve Enlisted Association of the United States  
Society of Medical Consultants to the Armed Forces  
United States Army Warrant Officers Association  
United States Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Association  
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States