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January 26, 2023

The Honorable Brad R. Wenstrup  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Wenstrup:

Thank you for your letter regarding the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) vaccination mandate. In accordance with section 525 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023, the Secretary of Defense rescinded the August 24, 2021 and November 30, 2021 memorandums requiring COVID-19 vaccination for members of the Armed Forces.

The Department looks forward to working with the 118th Congress. Thank you for your continued support for our Service members.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rheanne Wirkkala".

Rheanne E. Wirkkala

cc:

The Honorable Michael C. Burgess  
The Honorable Andy Harris  
The Honorable Roger W. Marshall  
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