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Ref: Clemency Request for Corey Clagett

Dear Mr. President,

First, I want to thank you for your favorable attention to my past requests for you to intervene to help General Michael Flynn, Lt. Clint Lorance, Major Matt Golsteyn, Navy SEAL Chief Eddie Gallagher and the "Raven 4" as we called them, ex-servicemen Paul Slough, Evan Liberty, Dustin Heard and Nicholas Slatthern.

As a combat veteran of the Vietnam war, and Chairman of the Veterans Advisory Board of Uniformed Services League, I write to introduce you to our attorney, Todd Mosser and our request for a Presidential pardon for Corey Clagett. His letter with details is attached.

Let me be direct. You are Corey's last best hope. As a combat veteran, he is my brother because even though the time of our combat is so many years apart, we both did what we were asked. We answered the call.

What happened to Corey Clagett because of

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a split-second combat decision, is unfair. You can issue a pardon and ease his suffering. If you don't, we have little hope that one of the least military-friendly President's since Ronald Reagan, will.

Although Corey is out of prison, as a convicted felon and having been branded by the government he serves as a "war criminal" he continues to pay a harsh penalty for his military combat service. Even his prospects of getting urgently needed medical care which other combat veterans are afforded, are not available to him because of his criminal conviction.

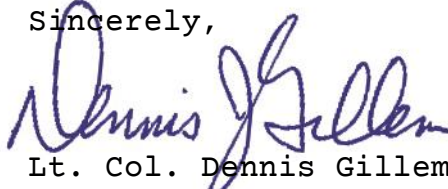
As I wrote you previously, I believe that if we had this many lawyers unfairly hunting combat veterans during the Vietnam War, the Korean War, and World Wars I and II, then we would have seen criminal prosecutions of tens of thousands or even hundreds of thousands of our combat soldiers, and a terrible wounding of our military capability due to the decline of morale from such unfair prosecutions. That is happening today too often.

I speak for Uniformed Services League in thanking God you have been our President and in asking you to please review the enclosed letter of our attorney, Todd Mosser about Corey Clagett.

Attorney Mosser was the attorney of record for the USL Amicus Curiae legal brief filed to help Lt. General Michael Flynn. We had the pleasure of hearing Gen. Flynn speak (via Zoom) at the recent USL board meeting where he thanked us for our \$15,000 in donations to help pay his legal bills.

Thank you for your consideration. God bless you, all those who serve in uniform, their families who make such a sacrifice for the common good, and the United States of America.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dennis Gillem". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dennis" being more prominent than the last name "Gillem".

Lt. Col. Dennis Gillem, USA (Ret.),
Chairman, USL Veterans Advisory Board

P.S. Mr. President, I have been authorized to humbly request your appearance as a guest on my radio talk show, *FrontLines of Freedom*, airing each weekend on 190 radio stations reaching 150,000 Americans interested in national security issues. Such an interview would be proudly sponsored by Uniformed Services League and give you the opportunity to directly address armed services and families, a major part of our audience. We all love you.

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Re: Clemency Request for Corey Clagett

Dear Mr. President:

I have been retained by a non-profit organization to outline for you the case for your helping Corey Clagett with a Pardon and Commutation of Sentence, urgently requested before January 20, 2021. I have also worked closely with Corey Clagett, who provided the information needed by me to help me prepare this letter to you.

Corey Clagett followed an order issued in combat by a senior NCO.

His life has been destroyed since that split-second decision. Corey was a twenty-one-year old PFC at the time, operating in one of the most Al-Qaeda infested regions in the Iraq War, and while under enormous pressure, made a decision that has haunted, and will continue to haunt him for the rest of his life.

After he was criminally charged and his first lawyer left the case without any warning, Corey was at the last minute assigned a new, younger lawyer and was denied crucial time to prepare what could have been viable defenses to the charges he was facing. Ultimately, Corey chose to forego his defenses and took responsibility for his actions by pleading guilty.

As a result, Corey spent nearly a decade in solitary confinement at Fort Leavenworth.

He is now struggling to survive. For all intents and purposes, Corey is a broken young man. He faces seven more years of parole. Unlike others who served our country in combat, he has no access to medical or mental health treatment, and no discernable employment prospects.

The struggles he faces now are directly attributable to his contact with the Military Justice System, and unless something is done, soon, Corey's life will continue to devolve into unfathomable despair.

On behalf of the Uniformed Services League, and with Corey's awareness and approval, we respectfully request that you grant him clemency in the form of both a commutation of sentence and a full Presidential Pardon.

Uniformed Services League's Interest in This Case

I represent the Uniformed Services League, a public policy non-profit which is a project of United States Public Policy Council, recognized under Section 501(c)(4) of the IRS code. USL and its Veterans Advisory Board (VAB), which advocates on behalf of military and ex-military personnel (veterans), especially those we believe have been unfairly accused or even convicted of criminal conduct.

A recent example of this work is our filing of an Amicus Curiae Legal Brief before Judge Emmett Sullivan, supporting the Department of Justice's Motion to Dismiss all criminal charges against your former National Security Adviser, General Michael Flynn. Through its associated Freedom Center Foundation, \$15,000 in donations were provided by USL to help defray the General's legal defense costs. We also placed a full page, premium placement (back page, main section) ad in *The Washington Times* to support the legal brief.

Last year, the Uniformed Services League supported your very much appreciated pardons and executive action to provide relief to Lt. Clint Lorance, Navy SEAL Chief Eddie Gallagher, and Major Matt Golsteyn. Three full page ads were placed in 2019 in *The Washington Times* supporting your action, tens of thousands of petitions were collected and presented to Congressmen, a Symposium

on the topic was organized among other activities and numerous radio talk show presentations were made on the most popular syndicated radio talk show in America for coverage of national defense issues, *Front Lines of Freedom* (hosted by the Chairman of USL's Veterans Advisory Board, Lt. Col. Dennis Gillem, with the segments paid for by USL).

In keeping with the spirit of those efforts, we believe Corey Clagett's tragic case merits Presidential intervention, as discussed below.

The Operative Facts

On May 9, 2006, PFC Corey Clagett and his squad were operating as part of Operation Iron Triangle in the Al-Qaeda infested Thar Thar region of Iraq. Special Forces had only recently suffered heavy casualties in the region, and consequently, Clagett and his squad mates were expecting heavy gunfire.

According to U.S. Intelligence, all military aged males found on the island were expected to be members of Al-Qaeda. PFC Clagett's squad was ordered to kill all military-aged males in the area, considered active combatants.

PFC Clagett and his squad were dropped onto an island from a Blackhawk helicopter. The squad was led by Staff Sgt. (SSG) Girouard. Upon executing an assault on a house, the squad encountered three military-aged males using two women as human shields. The males were detained with zip-ties behind their backs and placed in front of the house.

First Lt. (1LT) Werheim called into Company headquarters to report the three detainees taken by SSG Girouard's squad. The response from First Sgt (1SG) Eric Geressy was chilling: "Why do I have three fucking detainees that should have been killed?"¹ SSG Girouard then set in motion a series of events which have had devastating consequences.

SSG Girouard gathered his squad inside the house for a meeting. He announced that the two lowest ranked members of the squad, SPC Hunsaker and PFC Clagett, were going to kill the detainees. By this point in his young military career, twenty-one-year-old PFC Clagett had no training in the Geneva

¹ 1SG Geressy admitted at Girouard's trial that he said something to this effect.

Conventions. His worldview on how to operate in these treacherous situations was informed solely by the rules of engagement propounded by his superiors and his past training by the U.S. Army.

Pursuant to the plan, PFC Clagett cut the zip-ties off of the detainees, told them to run, and he and SPC Hunsaker shot them. PFC Clagett killed one of the detainees and injured another. Following the shootings, SSG Girouard endeavored to conceal the crime. He cut SPC Hunsaker in the face and arm, and punched PFC Clagett in the face in an attempt to make it look like the detainees assaulted them in an escape attempt.

During the subsequent criminal investigation, SSG Girouard threatened his subordinates to “stick to the story.” Nevertheless, the actual events of that day were eventually exposed and PFC Clagett and SPC Hunsaker were criminally charged with the detainees’ deaths.

During his pre-trial confinement, PFC Clagett was abused by American guards, and denied food. What food he did receive was spit in by cadre and guard commanders. *See*, Exhibit ‘A.’

Prior to trial, PFC Clagett took responsibility for his actions and pleaded guilty. He offered extensive cooperation in the prosecution of SSG Girouard. He met with prosecutors on numerous occasions and testified at SSG Girouard’s trial. SSG Girouard was ultimately convicted of three counts of negligent homicide, obstruction of justice, conspiracy, and failure to obey a general order. He was sentenced to ten years’ incarceration and released after three.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, PFC Clagett’s sentence was capped at 18 years’ imprisonment. PFC Clagett served nearly ten years in solitary confinement at Fort Leavenworth until he was paroled in 2016.

He was afforded only two meals per day, and if he deigned to save a piece of fruit for in between the meals, he would be severely punished. While incarcerated, Corey was denied medical care. Since he has been paroled, he has likewise received no treatment due to his disqualification for VA benefits attendant to his dishonorable discharge.

Post Incarceration Consequences

Upon his release from Fort Leavenworth, Corey looked forward to rebuilding his life and becoming a productive member of society. This has not happened, for a variety of reasons.

Corey's dishonorable discharge has precluded him from receiving any and all government or military/VA benefits. He has no access to medical care, and in fact, cannot receive the mental health treatment he needs.

Though we understand that Corey must apply to the Army for an upgrade in his discharge characterization, your positive intervention now by way of a Presidential Pardon would substantially aid in that endeavor.

Corey faces seven years of parole. The resultant restrictions on his liberty include travel and basic movement restrictions, which severely hamper his job prospects. His convictions and current parole requirements have rendered him unemployable. This of course has led to severe financial distress- Corey is all but broke and has no financial prospects. A commutation of his remaining sentence would alleviate or remove these obstacles.

Why Corey Clagett is Worthy of Clemency

The totality of the circumstances of this case leads to the inescapable conclusion that Corey has suffered enough. Several key points bear mentioning.

First, Corey has accepted responsibility for his actions by pleading guilty and sparing the government a full trial. To this day, Corey is guilt stricken and has nightmares about the events of May 9, 2006.

When he had previously applied for Clemency to the Army Clemency and Parole Board, Corey included a letter from himself conveying his remorse concluding with the fact that he "will have to bear the burden of that decision for the rest of my life." *See*, Exhibit 'B' .

Second, Corey substantially assisted the Government in its prosecution of SSG Girouard. Command Judge Advocate Major Joseph Mackey submitted a

Memorandum on Corey's behalf wherein he detailed the extent to which Corey assisted the government in its prosecution of SSG Girouard. *See*, Exhibit "C."

Third, Corey has received a disproportionate punishment to others who were similarly situated. For example, SPC Graber also followed the unlawful order of SSG Girouard and executed the third detainee in this case and participated in the cover-up. He was allowed to plead guilty to aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. He was sentenced to nine months incarceration, subsequently re-deployed to Iraq, and has been promoted.

Thus, on the one hand, one person who followed SSG Girouard's orders is allowed to stay in the military and maintain all of his benefits. Unfairly, the other (Corey Clagett) had to serve ten years in solitary confinement and faces a destitute existence with seven years of parole ahead of him.

Notably, the person who set all the events of May 9, 2006 in motion only had to serve three years of incarceration.

The public is not blind to this injustice. Corey's case has already earned a broad base of public support. A letter about his ordeal which he helped to prepare, has been mailed to the active supporters of Uniformed Services League. The response was one of the best in the past two years, competitive to the letters to help the cause of Lt. General Michael Flynn during this past year and the letters to help the cause of 1st Lieutenant Clint Lorange the previous year.

Under separate cover, over 10,000 signed petitions (a sample is attached at Exhibit 'D') have been collected supporting your intervention to help Corey Clagett. Another 300,000 letters on this topic are scheduled to mail this month, which are projected to result in another 20,000 to 30,000 signed petitions to you to support your intervention to help Corey Clagett.

This Thursday, January 14, USL plans to place its fifth full page ad (premium placement, back page) in *The Washington Times*, to thank you for your recent pardons of Lt. General Michael Flynn and ex-servicemen Paul Slough, Evan Liberty, Dustin Heard and Nicholas Slattern (who USL has nicknamed "The Raven 4") and your intervention to help Lt. Clint Lorange, Major Matt Golsteyn and Navy

SEAL Chief Eddie Gallagher. Most important, our full page ad requests you to now intervene immediately – this week – to help Corey Clagett before January 20.

Urgency

It is no secret that you are the most pro-military President since Ronald Reagan. Unfortunately, the clock is ticking and Corey may well run out of time to have his cause considered by a President so uniquely situated by virtue of your deep appreciation and love for our servicemembers.

I should mention that the leadership of Uniformed Services League are all listed as individual Amicus, in an Amicus Curiae Legal Brief filed with the U.S. Supreme Court, challenging the award of 20 electors from Pennsylvania to Joe Biden. That case is still active, and your official Presidential campaign has also intervened (Joseph B. Scarnati, III., et. al. vs Pennsylvania Democratic Party, et., al., for Amicus see WhiteHouse.Watch). Another USL attorney, David Carroll, an “Attorney for Trump,” is the counsel of record for this Amicus Curiae brief; other Amicus include USL Director Richard Buck, USL Director Kevin Peterson, and Lt. Col. Dennis Gillem, Chairman of USL’s Veterans Advisory Board (VAB), and VAB member Col. Frank Hancock, USA, (Ret.).

Two of them (Col. Hancock and attorney David Carroll) appeared on Lt. Colonel’s radio station for a 20 minute segment to explain this still active case. This is the largest syndicated military affairs radio program (100 stations weekly) in the nation.

Conclusion

Corey Clagett was born in and currently resides in South Carolina. He grew up in poverty and an unstable home. He finally found some stability when he joined the Army. His hopes and dreams were destroyed when he made a split-second combat decision in one of the most dangerous areas on the globe at the behest of an unscrupulous Squad Leader.

Corey has already suffered the consequences, and then far more. Though destitute, he maintains glimmers of hope- hope that he can pursue his artistic passion into a profession; hope that he can effectively attend to his mother, who has also been traumatized by this case; hope that he can finally support himself and

the ones he loves; hope that he can give back to his community; and perhaps above all else, the hope that he can reacquire some sense of dignity and self-worth.

Mr. President, you have countless times demonstrated your compassion for people who have made unfortunate choices, and have afforded these folks a second chance at being productive Americans. We ask for that mercy to be extended to Corey Clagett. We ask that you act before January 20.

On behalf of the Uniformed Services League and its Veterans Advisory Board, we thank you. God bless you in your tireless efforts and service to our great country, and our best wishes for your continued major success in all that you undertake after next week.

Sincerely,

Uniformed Services League



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Pennsylvania Attorney ID: 87534

Attached: Exhibits

EXHIBIT 'A'

I, Angel Candelaria, want to make the following statement under oath:

My name is MA3 Angel Candelaria, I reside at 720 East 134th Street Bronx, New York 10454, Tel. #: (718) 665-3531.

I was mobilized on 10 April 2006, we trained for our mission for approximately two months stateside and on 04 June 06 we departed for our mission at the Theater Field Detention Facility (TFDF) at ASG, Kuwait. As an E-5 I was assigned as a Cadre, while most E-6 were assigned as Guard Commanders. My duties included, taking inmates out for their recreation time, medical/dental appointments, conducting rounds and inspections to ensure that all inmates were safe and accounted for, as well as taking inmates on work details, etc.

While at TFDF myself and some other cadre would always speak to the inmates while making rounds to make sure that any issues they had, we would try to resolve for them. At times inmates would complain about the attitude and the way some of the staff would speak to them. One of these inmates was Corey Clagett. Inmate Clagett was always asking myself or MA1 Colvin not to let MA3 Tzysuck take him out for his one hour of recreation. He complained that every time she brought him out for recreation, she was always mouthing off to him and always cut short his recreation time.

Most of the cadre and guard commanders at the facility never had experience in a correctional environment or dealing with inmates in a correctional setting. There were only approximately five cadre at the facility that are Correction Officers in their civilian jobs including myself. Many of cadre treated the inmates with respect, some others felt that they can do whatever they want and speak to inmates however they felt like it. This was something that CDR. Cavaiani, MAC Nace and MACM Donaldson were aware of but refused to do anything about.

In July of 2006 inmate Clagett was getting ready to depart the facility to attend one of his pre-trial hearings and assumed that he would not be coming back to TFDF, that he would be transported back to the states to continue his trial. After his departure CDR. Cavaiani, MA1 Nokes, MAC Nace and MACM Donaldson alleged that inmate Clagett had called CNN to discuss his case and they were very upset. Speaking to the media or affiliates was against facility regulations, only written communication was permitted subjected to the provisions of AR 190-47. This was instituted in the Manual for the Guidance of Inmates, which inmate Clagett had read and was issued a copy of.

After Clagett's pre-trial hearing the command became aware that he would be returning back to the facility for further confinement. Before inmate Clagett was to return to the facility, MA1 Nokes stated that when inmate Clagett arrives that they were going to get him for speaking to the media. MAC Nace and the command were aware that this was going to happen. MA1 Nokes and MAC Nace told all cadre and guard commanders

that all of inmate Clagett's request to speak to anyone in person or via telephone, would need to be put in writing on a DD form 510 and would only be approved by CDR Cavaiani. This order was given by CDR Cavaiani.

After inmate Clagett arrived back at the facility their form of punishment began. Several cadre and guard commanders began telling some of the staff no to speak to inmate Clagett. They began withholding food from him as punishment and spitting in his food. They would combine his personal hygiene time into his one hour of recreation. I would bring these issues to the command and CDR Cavaiani would tell me that inmate Clagett is a compulsive liar and a big manipulator, that nothing he says should be believed by anyone.

Inmate Clagett brought to my attention that he was threaten by one of the cadre and that part of his breakfast was being withheld every morning. He made this complaint to me and MA1 Colvin, I brought these issues to the command and they refuse to take any action. I then went to the medical department (HMC Horn and CW04 Ray) and explained to them what was happening to inmate Clagett; they immediately issued a written memo to all staff that inmate Clagett will receive all of his meals as schedule. Again the command refuse to take any action against individuals involved in these form of punishment against inmate Clagett.

I placed a request chit through the chain of command to speak to COL. Alexander regarding what was happening at the facility, and the command denied my request and became infuriated with my decision. The punishment against inmate Clagett was ordered by CDR Cavaiani and MACM Donaldson, this was as per conversation that MA1 Nokes and several other cadre were reporting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angel Candelaria

EXHIBIT ‘B’

19 April 2010

Dear Members of the Army Clemency and Parole Board:

My case is being brought before you in June and I wanted to write you to explain how I am feeling today about the events that took place during Operation Iron Triangle and the Article 32.

During the last four years, I have had a lot of time to think about what took place on May 9, 2006. I fully understand the wrongfulness of my actions. I followed the unlawful order of my direct superior Staff Sergeant Girouard and I participated in the killing of two unarmed detainees.

I want to try my best to explain to you what was going through my head that day. My squad was sent to one of the most dangerous parts of Iraq. The intelligence we received stated that the area was being controlled by al Qaeda, and was being used as a terrorist training camp. When we found the three Iraqi's in hiding in the house, we believed they were members of al Qaeda because that's what the intelligence said. The order to kill the detainees was then handed down to me and Specialist Hunsaker by Staff Sergeant Girouard.

I accepted the order and engaged in illegal conduct for the following reasons:

1. I was scared that if these men were placed into the catch and release program, they would be back on the battlefields in Iraq in no time, possibly taking the lives of other American soldiers.
2. While I knew that I was given an unlawful order, I was also new to the squad, I was young and at the time, the idea of disobeying an order from a superior was very scary. Presented with this split-second decision, I opted to shoot.

I am telling you this to give an explanation, but not an excuse for my actions. While I believe that these men were Al Qaeda operatives, I recognize that once we had taken them prisoner, there is no excuse to killing unarmed detainees. My actions were unlawful and I will have to bear the burden of that decision for the rest of my life.

I also want to take this chance to apologize to the board, the Army, the Rakkasan Regiment, and to my commanding officer, Colonel Michael Steele. The legal tactics taken by my previous attorney, Paul Bergrin, were a mistake that I regret being a part of. Mr. Bergrin's attacks on Colonel Steele and the Rules of Engagement were ill-informed and wrong. I want to thank my current attorney, Timothy Parlatore, for helping me understand how the legal tactics taken by Mr. Bergrin were ill-advised and not based on any facts or evidence. During the Article 32, Mr. Bergrin attempted to drag Colonel Steele's name through the mud by making several misleading and false accusations. While the orders my squad heard that day were to "kill all military-aged males," I never

heard Colonel Steele personally say those words. Mr. Bergrin had no evidence that Colonel Steele ever gave that order. In fact, I remember Colonel Steele telling us to be disciplined and respectful to the Iraqi people at all times. In his speech to us before deployment, Colonel Steele specifically said, "We are not going to be driving around Iraq raping, burning, pillaging, being undisciplined. That's not what I'm talking about." Unfortunately, my family and I were taken in by Mr. Bergrin's wrongful tactics. I see now that Mr. Bergrin was more interested in getting headlines than justice and because of this, Colonel Steele has suffered, his family has suffered, and the reputation of the Rakkasan Regiment has suffered.

Over the last four years, I have found a love for art. I have actually become quite skillful and I really enjoy drawing. It's my hope to take this new desire of mine and turn it into a profession. I would also like to help the people I love. My mother's health has been slowly deteriorating since I was first taken to prison. I feel responsible for this for having caused her so much stress. Throughout this whole ordeal, she has stood by my side and she never gave up on me. I'd like the chance to show her my appreciation for everything she's done, by standing by her and seeing her through the illnesses she currently suffers from.

I want to move past this, I want to make something of my life. I am still young; I know I still have time to accomplish great things. I just need that chance. That is why I am asking you to forgive me for the crimes I committed. Thank you so much for allowing me the opportunity to speak to you through this letter, I beg you to give me a second chance by showing me mercy for the crimes I have committed.

Very respectfully,


Corey Claggett

EXHIBIT ‘C’

12 April 2010

MEMORANDUM FOR Army Clemency and Parole Board, 1901 South Bell Street
Arlington, VA 22202-4508

SUBJECT: Cooperation of Corey R. Clagett in the Prosecution of Raymond L. Girouard

1. I am one of the trial counsel who were assigned to prosecute Corey Clagett's court-martial.
2. I am writing this memorandum to provide facts concerning cooperation provided by Corey Clagett in the court-martial of Raymond Girouard.
3. Corey Clagett plead guilty to premeditated murder, among other lesser charges, pursuant to a pre-trial agreement with the government. As part of the pre-trial agreement, Corey Clagett committed to cooperating with the government in the prosecution of Raymond Girouard. Corey Clagett complied with the provisions of his pre-trial agreement and provided cooperation during the preparation and execution of the court-martial. Prior to trial, Corey Clagett repeatedly met with prosecutors at the Christian County jail in Hopkinsville, KY where he was incarcerated post trial. Corey Clagett always met with prosecutors and provided information that was used in the case against Raymond Girouard. Although Raymond Girouard was not convicted of the charge of murder, he was convicted of the lesser included offense of negligent homicide.
4. The purpose of this memorandum is only to provide factual information. I am not advocating for or against Corey Clagett in his clemency request.
5. The point of contact for this memorandum is the undersigned at joseph.b.mackey@us.army.mil.



JOSEPH B. MACKEY
MAJ, JA
Command Judge Advocate

EXHIBIT ‘D’

Petition to President Donald J. Trump

WHEREAS, Corey R. Clagett enlisted in the United States Army to serve his country and do his part to help America defeat the terrorist threat, and

WHEREAS, Clagett was the youngest member of his combat unit and the most junior member of his squad when he was instructed to fire on alleged terrorists during a raid on a suspected Al-Qaeda training camp in 2006, and

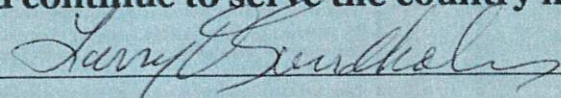
WHEREAS, Clagett was sent to prison while his Squad Leader, who issued the order he did time for, was granted back pay and an honorable discharge, and

WHEREAS, Clagett's actions reflected his training and his oath of enlistment to obey the "orders of the officers appointed over [him]," and

WHEREAS, President Trump has proven he will exercise his executive authority when American servicemen are treated unfairly and suffer undue hardship, and

Now, THEREFORE, the undersigned does hereby request that President Donald Trump issue a full and complete Presidential Pardon to Corey R. Clagett, so this American war veteran can begin to rebuild his life and continue to serve the country he loves so much.

Signed



Date Dec. 10, 2020

Name:

Maj. Larry O. Sundholm USAF Ret.

State: WA

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Petition to Congressman Terri Sewell Support a Presidential Pardon for Corey R. Clagett

WHEREAS, Corey R. Clagett enlisted in the United States Army to serve his country and do his part to help America defeat the terrorist threat, and

WHEREAS, Clagett was the youngest member of his combat unit and the most junior member of his squad when he was ordered to fire on alleged terrorists during a raid on a suspected Al-Qaeda training camp in Iraq, and

WHEREAS, Clagett was sent to prison while his Squad Leader, who issued the order he did time for, was granted back pay and an honorable discharge, and

WHEREAS, Clagett's actions reflected his training and his oath of enlistment to obey the "orders of the officers appointed over [him]," and

WHEREAS, Congress provides an essential oversight role in holding the executive branch accountable and pressing for presidential intervention when warranted,

Now, THEREFORE, the undersigned does hereby request that you speak out about the injustice suffered by Corey R. Claggett, press for a full congressional investigation into his case, and commit your public support for a full and complete presidential pardon for this American war veteran.

Signed Lavatha S. Alldredge

Date November 24, 2020

Name: Lavatha Alldredge

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Petition to Congressman Dan Crenshaw

Support a Presidential Pardon for Corey R. Claggett

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Signed

Suzanne Williams

Date

12/10/20

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