

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Lloyd J. Austin III
Secretary
Department of Defense
1000 Defense Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301

The Honorable Carlos Del Toro
Secretary
Department of the Navy
1000 Navy Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20350

Dear Secretaries Austin and Del Toro:

We write regarding the Biden-Harris Administration's latest effort to insert far-left partisan politics into the Department of Defense. In August 2024, the Joint Expeditionary Base (JEB) Little Creek Galley displayed a sign that promoted far-left, racial politics and critical race theory in Virginia Beach, Virginia. As Navy veterans, we believe this poster will undoubtedly further politicize our nation's military, hurt recruitment and retention efforts, and legitimize activists who have spread antisemitism against Jewish Americans.

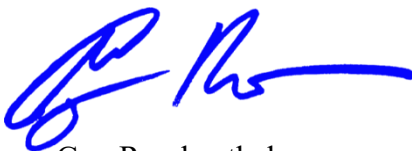
Alarming, the far-left propaganda indoctrination also included quotes from individuals that are self-proclaimed Marxists and proponents of socialist uprisings. These voices have a history of calling for genocide against the Jews, supporting the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) campaign against Israel, and pushing for prison abolition. Additionally, the poster promotes a candidate for the 2024 U.S. Presidential Election and clearly excludes any conservative voice.

We respectfully request answers to the following questions:

1. Is this poster still displayed at JEB Little Creek?
2. Was this poster authorized by the Department of Defense, Department of the Navy, or any command or official on JEB Little Creek?
3. Has any other base, command, or installation displayed this poster?
4. What actions have been taken to rectify this issue?
5. Does the administration believe activists who support genocide and BDS against Israel are appropriate voices for Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Guardians, and Marines?

We respectfully request an immediate response to this letter and an end of this administration's efforts to insert far-left politics into our nation's military.

Sincerely,



Guy Reschenthaler
Member of Congress



Jen Kiggans
Member of Congress