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Major General James F. Glynn, USMC  
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Dear General Glynn,

I write to you today to show my support for the two Marine Raiders who are still under pending legal charges involving what appears to be due to unlawful command influence. As you know, Chief Petty Officer Eric Gilmet's charges have already been dropped. I was very happy to see this decision after writing a letter to the Secretary of Defense last year on Chief Gilmet's behalf.

Congressman Mast has written a previous letter where he reviewed the video evidence that clearly show that these Marines acted in self-defense against an aggressor who escalated the situation by seeking and initiating a violent confrontation. It is very tragic that the contractor passed away later, but it appears that the actions of these Marines were fully justified, per the video of this incident.

What is greatly concerning is the Marine Corps' actions in this case, especially the unlawful command influence directed at the legal representatives of these men. As you know, these charges were not filed until 10 months after this tragic situation occurred. The prior Commander of Marine Forces Special Operations Command took a very hard line despite clear evidence showing it was not warranted, filing the most charges granted to him under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ).


It appears the command climate at the time was to crack down on any special operators' actions that could potentially be deemed as damaging the special operations community's reputation for maintaining exceptional order and discipline. The decision to prosecute these three Raiders occurred after a number of incidents involving alleged bad conduct by special operations military members were highlighted by the media.

As you well know, due to incredibly bad actions by the Marine Corps Staff Judge Advocate staff, all charges were recently dropped against Chief Petty Officer Eric Gilmet. This decision was made by the Marine Corps leadership after one of the Marine Corps' lawyers was shown to have committed unlawful command influence in this case.

So, sir, you can see there is a pattern of highly unprofessional and unlawful conduct being committed in this case. Therefore, I implore you to review this case very carefully, taking into consideration the deplorable conduct by the Marines who have prosecuted this case.

I am confident you will make a determination that is just, and hope that you ensure that patriotic Americans who have served this nation with honor and integrity—and in this case acted purely in self-defense—are not needlessly prosecuted.

Very Respectfully,



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