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Dear Friends,

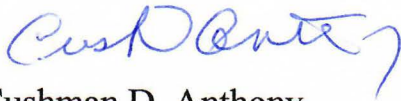
I am a former officer in the Naval Reserve, as well as a retired attorney.

You ask, is the military draft still a necessary component of U.S. National Security. The clear answer is no. We have not used the draft for that purpose for decades now, and it is useless for making us more secure. Any warfare in this era would be unable to use drafted manpower in any useful way, according to all the experts that I have read. It has no inherent value.

Moreover, some young men find it offensive and against their conscience to register for the draft. Under current law, that decision has serious consequences, especially the loss of access to government service or job training programs or student financial aid. That does nobody any good at all, and skews the enrollment in all of those programs. That is contrary to the public interest, it seems to me.

The military draft has become an anachronism, as well as a huge waste of tax dollars. Get rid of it, please. Thank you.

Yours truly,



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