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The Honorable Joseph Heck, Chairman  
National Commission on Military and Civilian Service  
2530 Crystal Dr., Suite 1000, Box 63  
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Dear Chairman Heck,

I was unaware of your commission until I watched your group's recent presentation on C-Span. At first blush, I think your mission is to tell Congress how to better whistle past the graveyard of failed nations. The all-volunteer force (AVF) is a failure, and we can no longer ignore it because we can no longer raise an army, or, God forbid, sustain it in combat. Talk about aid and comfort to an enemy!

Anyway, I wrote about this in 2006, and enclose a copy of what was published in Military Review, "The Professional Journal of the U.S. Army." As you can imagine, I had numbers of professionals wishing to throw me off a bridge, with others in agreement. A much abridged version became lead in a Vigi Wagner, Greenhaven Press, high school civics textbook on the military draft. However, regrettably, our schools no longer teach civics!

Since you are asking for ideas as to how to move forward, I suggest a first step of going back. My essay details the dreams, theories, and misconceptions of how we got into the mess we are in. I also suggest a single viable solution. The National Guards won't like it, but love of country leads.

I hope you don't mind me copying Representative Scott Perry (PA - 10). He and I soldiered together, and he knows this is my fight.

Sincerely,



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