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General Robert B. Neller, USMC
Commandant of the Marine Corps
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Dear Commandant,

I am privileged to represent the third congressional district of North Carolina, which includes Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, and Marine Corps Air Station New River. It is an honor for me to serve so many Marines and their families, and I strongly support the Marine Corps.

As I know you are aware, over the weekend a story was published about "an unspecified number of U.S. Marines who participated in a secretive social media group that metastasized into a distribution pipeline for sharing nude photos of their female coworkers and a sordid message board where some allegedly encouraged one another to commit rape."

These allegations are deeply troubling. I understand the Department of Defense has launched a comprehensive investigation into the matter, which is absolutely necessary. As this investigation proceeds, I request that you update me on important information. Additionally, once the complete investigation is released, I would appreciate a full briefing.

I know you would agree that if verified to be true, the behaviors described in the article are wrong, and have no place in our military. Justice must be served, particularly if criminal acts are involved. Furthermore, all appropriate resources and care must be made available to victims.

I look forward to hearing from you, and as always, thank you for your service.

Sincerely,



Walter B. Jones
Member of Congress