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**UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE**  
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301-4000

The Honorable Steven F. Lynch  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on National Security  
Committee on Oversight and Reform  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

**JUN 25 2020**

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your June 15, 2020 letter requesting information about how the Department of Defense and the Military Services are working to address underlying racial and ethnic disparities within the military justice system.

The Department is a multi-ethnic, diverse organization that continually strives to ensure equal opportunity, inclusion, and justice for all Service members. We are currently working with the Military Services to compile the information you requested and plan to submit a comprehensive response no later than August 28, 2020.

Thank you for your continued support for our Service members, veterans, and their families. I am sending an identical letter to Representative Raskin.

Sincerely,

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