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Mr. Steven Stebbins
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Dear Mr. Stebbins:

We write to express our strong concerns about the Army's purported failure to timely intervene in the alleged misconduct of Dr. Major Blaine McGraw at Fort Hood and Tripler Army Medical Center, allegations, which if true, would possibly constitute the largest sexual misconduct case in U.S. military history.¹ According to reports, for years, Dr. McGraw allegedly sexually exploited women, including servicewomen and military wives, in his care. When these women attempted to report their concerns and experiences were purportedly repeatedly ignored and Dr. McGraw was kept on staff.² The Army, like the other Services, has a history of failing to adequately address sexual misconduct in the ranks, which required Congress to step in and institute hundreds of reforms over the last fifteen years, culminating in the establishment of the Office of the Special Trial Counsel in the FY22 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). One of those issues involved military services being slow to intervene in cases at an early stage. This appears to have happened in this case since Dr. McGraw was not suspended until this October.³ This delayed response is unacceptable, and we need answers. Separate, and not to interfere with the ongoing Army criminal investigation into the alleged misconduct of Dr. McGraw, **we request the Department of Defense Office of Inspector General review if appropriate Military Health System policies were followed, to include whether patient complaints were timely evaluated and considered, and provide recommendations to the Defense Health Agency (DHA) to prevent further instances like this from occurring in the future.**

This month over 80 women joined a lawsuit together alleging that Dr. McGraw made lewd sexual advances and comments towards them, as well as secretly recorded patients during exams.⁴ One example of the women's horrific experiences is captured through Jane Doe's story. After reportedly being assaulted during a patient visit with Dr. McGraw, Jane Doe said she begged a desk attendant to make a report. Instead, she was told to "call or send an email."⁵ Jane Doe alleges she called the hospital seven different times but she was dismissed and hung up on each time. The purported lack of response and

1 PBS NewsHour. (2025, November 26). *Army OB-GYN accused of secretly recording women under his care*. PBS. <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/army-ob-gyn-accused-of-secretly-recording-women-under-his-care>

2 U.S. Army Resilience Directorate. (n.d.). *I was sexually assaulted*. <https://www.armyresilience.army.mil/sharp/pages/assaulted.html>

3 Mayes-Osterman, C. (2025, November 20). *Army Investigates OBGYN Accused of Abusing, Secretly Filming Women*. *USA Today*. Retrieved from <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2025/11/20/texas-army-obgyn-sexual-abuse-lawsuit/87246162007/>.

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urgency to respond to these complaints would clearly violate reporting policy and the Army's Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention Program protocols.⁶

In the lawsuit, female servicemembers and patients noted that a recurring issue was the lack of adequate response from Army leadership. Reportedly, when victims and their loved ones tried to make complaints with Army leadership, they were "refused meetings at every level."⁷ If true, these women deserve better. The alleged dismissive response from the Army demonstrates an immense failure at every level to properly support survivors.

The allegations against Dr. McGraw, and the Army's purported failure to timely address survivor complaints, are not isolated. A separate investigation deemed Fort Hood as a notoriously "permissive environment" for sexual harassment and assault.⁸ The base has been plagued by this issue for years. For example, in 2020, Army Specialist Vanessa Guillén was murdered by a fellow soldier while stationed at Fort Hood.⁹ Throughout her time on base, Specialist Guillén was sexually harassed by a separate supervisor. Specialist Guillén's tragic murder was the impetus for the aforementioned changes in the FY22 NDAA. However, even with these positive reforms, it is clear more needs to be done. The fact that this reported abuse occurred at the same base as Specialist Guillén's murder is appalling. All women should be safe on a military base, and they surely should be able to safely seek treatment without fear of sexual assault or abuse.

The allegations against Dr. McGraw are extremely serious, and the Army's criminal investigation of this matter must continue unabated. That said, the separate concerns raised by survivors about members of the Army at many levels not timely acting on their complaints must be confronted immediately. Additionally, we request that DoD IG investigate to determine whether personnel within the Army properly followed procedures to timely report allegations of sexual misconduct to law enforcement and whether other SAPR procedures and existing protections were followed or not. We therefore request a response to the following questions from the Defense Health Agency and the Inspector General within 60 days of receipt:

1. Please provide the range of dates for the sexual harassment/assault complaints filed, including the number of complaints received at Fort Hood and Tripler Army Medical Center relating to Dr. McGraw.
2. What was the Military Treatment Facility management's response to each complaint at Fort Hood and Tripler Army Medical Center?
3. How did the Military Treatment Facility management at Fort Hood and Tripler Army Medical Center follow appropriate policies to supervise staff, prevent patient harm, and address patient complaints?
4. What are the next steps the Military Treatment Facility management at Fort Hood and Tripler Army Medical Center will take to further protect patients from sexual assault?

6 Miller, K. (2022, November 22). What Happened to Vanessa Guillen? The True Story, 'I Am Vanessa Guillen' Bill, Aaron Robinson, Natalie Khawam. *Women's Health*. Retrieved from <https://www.womenshealthmag.com/life/a41969139/vanessa-guillen-fort-hood-death/>.

7 Keilar, B., Khurshudyan, I., Britzky, H. (2025, November 21). Exclusive: What Led the Army to Investigate Gynecologist Described in Lawsuit as a 'Predator in Uniform'. *CNN*. <https://www.cnn.com/2025/11/21/politics/army-investigation-gynecologist-sexual-misconduct>

8 Mayes-Osterman, C. (2025, November 20). Army Investigates OBGYN Accused of Abusing, Secretly Filming Women. *USA Today*. Retrieved from <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2025/11/20/texas-army-obgyn-sexual-abuse-lawsuit/87246162007/>

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5. How will the Defense Health Agency ensure that no Military Treatment Facility will ignore sexual abuse allegations again?
6. How will the Defense Health Agency prevent future concealment and employment of sexual abusers on their staff across Military Treatment Facilities?
7. Was a quality assurance investigation initiated? If so, please share the status with the House Armed Services Committee.
8. Why did the Army fail to take disciplinary actions against Dr. McGraw until his October 2025 suspension?

We are committed to demanding justice for victims of sexual assault and harassment, and we will not stay silent while the safety of women is at risk. Again, we request prompt and thorough answers to these questions to prevent further harm and hold those responsible for this accountable.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

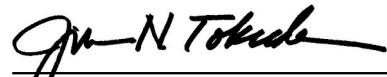
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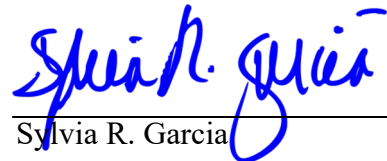
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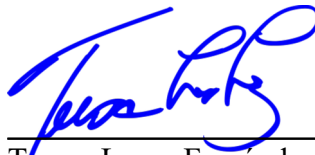
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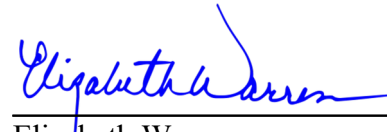
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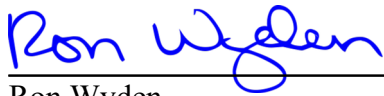
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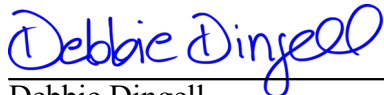
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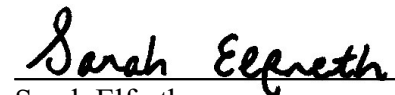
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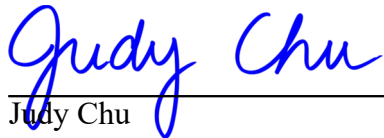
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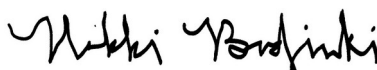
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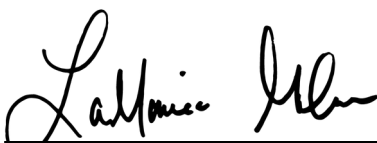
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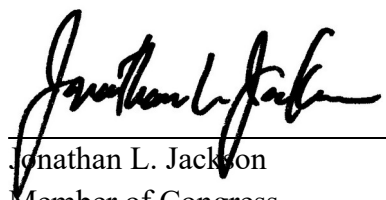
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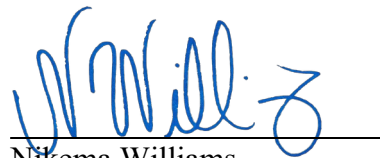
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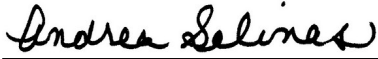
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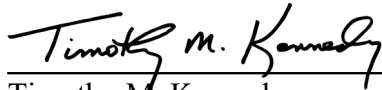
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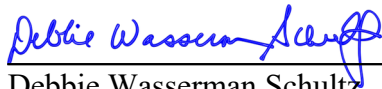
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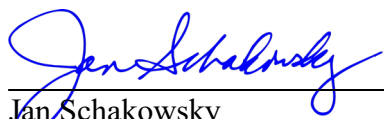
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