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Admiral E.R. Zumwalt, Jr. USN (Ret.)

Dear Admiral Zumwalt:

In spite of constant opposition from liberal critics and fellow commissioners who were determined to put a Republican stamp of approval on women in combat, conservatives on the Bush-appointed 15-member Presidential Commission on the Assignment of Women in the Armed Forces succeeded in gaining majority votes against the use of women in air and land combat.

They were also successful in persuading a majority of the Commission to include in the official report a consistent and unedited "Case Against Women in Combat," known as "Section II." Section II quotes from an impressive record of testimony and facts against the assignment of women in land, sea, and air combat units.

In light of this concise and convincing summary of eight months of exhaustive research, President Bush and Republican leaders have new and authoritative information which justifies opposition to the use of women in any kind of combat, including combatant ships.

Section II is not a minority report because it is in substantial concurrence with most of the full commission's recommendations. It takes strong exception, however, to the Commission's politically-motivated call for the assignment of women to some combat ships, excluding amphibious ships and submarines, which is clearly inconsistent with the rest of its recommendations.

Please contact President Bush immediately urging him to accept the recommendations in Section II, the Case Against Women in Combat, of the presidential commission report which outlines the basis for a consistent position opposed to the use of American women in combat.

Sincerely,

J. Eldon Yates

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