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United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators,

I write on behalf of the hundreds of thousands of members of Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee (CWALAC) to express our support for Pete Hegseth to lead the Department of Defense (DOD).

Hegseth's military service record is undoubtedly impressive. A decorated combat veteran who served as an Infantry Captain in the Army National Guard, deploying to combat zones in Iraq and Afghanistan, he has been close to the needs of our men and women in uniform. His two Bronze Stars and Combat Infantryman Badge tell the story of a stand-out serviceman and a proven leader.

His life after service also tells a compelling story. His focus on helping support American troops through Concerned Veterans for America and many other endeavors throughout his career shows that his passion and love for the troops has never left him.

But the victories he has shown in his personal struggles are also profound. His testimony before the U.S. Senate Committee on Armed Services showed a man transformed by the love of God, something about which CWALAC members feel very strongly. "All Glory, regardless of the outcome, belongs to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ," he said in his prepared remarks, "His grace and mercy abound each day. May His will be done."

This posture is not just a Christian one but an American one. It reflects the values upon which our nation was founded.

Hegseth addressed the serious allegations leveled at him with humility and introspection. "I am not a perfect person, as has been acknowledged," he said, "saved by the grace of God, by Jesus, and Jenny. I am not a perfect person, but redemption is real, and God forged me in ways that I know that I'm prepared to fight for."

Though his enemies wanted to malign his character with their theatrics, Hegseth's composure and seriousness through it all revealed the sort of leadership we need at DOD, where we have seen a number of significant missteps for decades without any

accountability. We were encouraged by his expressions and focus on accountability. He said, "If you're a rifleman and you lose your rifle, they're throwing the book at you. But if you're a general who loses a war, you get a promotion."

Pete Hegseth deserves a chance to show the American public a new approach to our national defense that focuses on national security instead of promoting wokeness and the disastrous DEI policies that have distracted our military under President Biden.

Hegseth has our support, and he deserves yours.

Sincerely,

Penny Nance,

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