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Master Chief Petty Officer Heath Jones
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Dear Admiral Fagan and Master Chief Petty Officer Jones,

The Chief Warrant and Warrant Officers Association (CWOA) writes to you today in response to recent developments concerning the allegations of sexual assault within our service and the previous issues surrounding the Operation Fouled Anchor. As representatives of the warrant officer community, we feel it is our duty to address these pressing concerns and advocate for actions that will restore faith in our service and uphold our core values of Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty.

The gravity of these issues necessitates immediate and decisive action. Therefore, we are calling for a service-wide safety stand down. This stand down will provide an essential opportunity for all Coast Guard personnel to come together, reflect, and engage in open and honest discussions about these critical issues. By doing so, we can begin to heal, rebuild trust, and reinforce our commitment to maintaining a safe and respectful environment for all members of our service.

We urge you to call all employees and service members back to their respective offices and units to participate in this stand down. It is crucial that we confront these issues head-on, demonstrating our collective resolve to address and rectify the problems that have surfaced. This stand down will serve as a pivotal moment for introspection, education, and the reaffirmation of our core values.

The CWOA stands ready to support this initiative in any way possible. We believe that by taking this proactive step, we can not only address the immediate concerns but also lay the groundwork for a more resilient and united Coast Guard. Our commitment to Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty must be unwavering, and this stand down represents a significant step towards ensuring that these principles are upheld.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. We look forward to your leadership and action in facilitating this important stand down. For further information and clarification please contact our Executive Director, Michael J. Little at the number below.

Respectfully,

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National President
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