

To: President Donald J. Trump

Attn: Jared Kushner, Senior Advisor to the President

Words cannot express the gratitude my family and I feel for the actions and leadership of Congressman Duncan Hunter, who fought for my military career and overturned an Army decision to involuntarily discharge me from the service in August of 2015.

The grounds for the Army's decision was a reprimand I received in 2011 for assaulting an Afghan police officer. This officer had kidnapped and brutally raped a young boy and then severely beaten the boy's mother after she came to my US Special Forces camp looking for help.

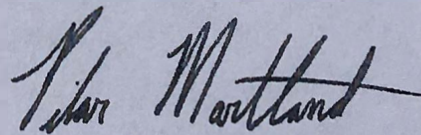
By August of 2015, I had exhausted all of my options for appeal and was preparing to leave the service when Congressman Hunter agreed to take on my case and challenge the highest levels of the United States military. For the next ten months, he brought national attention not only to my case but, more importantly, to the sexual assault of children taking place all over Afghanistan, including on US bases.

Due to Congressman Hunter's leadership, courage, patriotism, and tireless work ethic, the Army reversed its decision to involuntarily separate me in April of 2016. Congressman Duncan Hunter has been an answer to our prayers, not only helping our family but several other families from all branches of the US military. We are incredibly grateful for his service to our country as both a marine and a congressman.

I am currently finishing up my sixteenth year of service and will complete my last four years as a Special Forces sniper instructor. My family will receive full retirement benefits and a pension. Not a day goes by that we are not grateful for all that Congressman Hunter has done for us. My wife and I have four boys and we have named our oldest and youngest after the two most patriotic role models of our lifetime: Patrick Tillman Martland and Duncan Hunter Martland. We hope that they will follow in their footsteps.



SFC Charles Martland



Pilar Martland