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We, the undersigned, as officers of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States, call upon the Congress of the United States and the Secretary and Chief of Staff of the Army in the strongest possible way to stop the investigation of National Guard members by Army Criminal Investigation Division agents relative to the Guard Recruiting Assistance Program (G-RAP).

G-RAP had its impetus in 2005 when the Army National Guard was facing a manpower shortage and needed thousands of recruits. Traditional Army National Guard members, employed as civilian subcontractors, were asked to refer prospects to full-time recruiters, and received a payment for that referral. Controls were in place by the government contractor to ascertain the veracity of the referral and effect payment to the recruiting assistant, who acted as a subcontractor and did not make referrals in any military duty status.

The program was shut down in 2012, and we acknowledge that some fraud occurred. We believe those who acted fraudulently have been identified and duly prosecuted and punished. We believe those still being investigated are unfairly being targeted and that the result of the investigation has ruined lives, careers, marriages, and credit; indeed, some have opted for suicide to end the relentless harassment. This harassment must stop now and complete restitution to those innocent Guard members must be made.

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