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The Honorable Representative W. Greg Steube
United States House of Representatives
2457 Rayburn House Office Building
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Representative Steube,

The Commandant requested I respond to your correspondence dated January 4, 2023, regarding the disenrollment of cadets from the Coast Guard Academy (CGA). Thank you for your interest and engagement on behalf of the Coast Guard.

In light of Section 525 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2023, and the Secretary of Defense's rescission of the Department of Defense's vaccine mandate, the Coast Guard rescinded its general order requiring COVID-19 vaccinations. As a result, all disenrollment and other disciplinary action related to the vaccine mandate were halted.

Seven cadets were disenrolled from the CGA for failure to follow a lawful order to take the COVID-19 vaccine and four left voluntarily because of the order to be vaccinated. As a result of the vaccine mandate rescission, the Coast Guard is offering a path to readmittance for the former cadets. The Coast Guard Academy has attempted to contact all eleven cadets to advise them of their eligibility for readmittance.

My House Liaison Office at (202) 225-4775 would be pleased to respond to any further questions you or your staff may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric C. Jones".

Eric C. Jones
Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard
Deputy for Personnel Readiness