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Major General William E. Rapp
The Office of the Chief of Legislation
1600 Army Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20310-1600

Dear Sir:

As a Veteran of the United States Army and the President of the Prince George's County, Maryland Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), it saddens me greatly when I hear the type of abuses suffered by Captain Gary Mason and his family. Because of the validity and compelling nature of their case, our Maryland State Conference of the NAACP has committed to monitoring the progress of this situation.

As you are aware, like many minorities, African Americans have a rich history of defending our Nation against enemies both foreign and domestic. Thank you in advance for upholding the Army Values as it relates to the treatment of this patriotic soldier and his family who have weathered twelve years of service, including deployments to Afghanistan and Iraq. Captain Mason has submitted a discrimination complaint to the Prince George's County NAACP alleging that he has been discriminated against by the United States Army based on his race as an African American for the past five years. This is a serious allegation to bring against such a prestigious organization as the United States Army. As a result of this complaint, we are committed to upholding every individual's civil rights that are guaranteed under the United States Constitution regardless of their race, gender, or employment status. We hope that we can come to a speedy and mutually agreed upon resolution to this matter so that Captain Mason can continue to serve our Nation without fear of further reprisal.

Captain Mason has provided documentation supporting allegations that he was assaulted by a non-commissioned officer, subjected to racist slides, falsely accused of being absent without authorized leave, had his Top Secret Security Clearance illegally revoked, removed from his billeted job, and denied his officer evaluation just to name a few of the abuses he has suffered. This documentation can be made available upon request.

Very Sincerely,

Mr. Bob Ross, President
PGC NAACP

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