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Dear Ma'am,

I have been trying to remove myself from what happened last July when the Senate Armed Forces Committee voted to keep

the chain of command in rape cases. Then when I watched the hearing that took place not to long ago, I saw more of the same

crap that I dealt with on a daily basis when I was in the Navy. The chain of command did nothing about the rape that happened to

me. They did not care. They sent me to the USS Ronald Reagan,, where my life became hell. There was no one to talk to. The so called SAVI's

did nothing to help me and when I tried to talk to them, they made it seem like I was bothering them. None of the SAVI's are trained

counselors that know how to deal with rape and PTSD. In the Medical department, they had a LT. that was male. There was no

way in hell that I was going to talk to a man about what happened to me. There was no one the ship that gave a damn about me.

I was called a liar. I was not allowed to go to counseling and my career was ruined. Then in 2011, when DM sent me the email on Navy together

we served and admitted to raping me NCIS still did nothing. The Chain of Command does not care about rape and does everything they can to

protect rapists. Hell, they have promoted DM and sent him to another damn A school so he can rape more. When is the damn committee going

to start to listen to survivors that dealt with this on a daily basis? I know how the damn Chain of command is because I lived it, breathed, dealt with it every damn day while I was in and still deal with it. I did not enlist to be betrayed by my Country, Chain of command. It is bull crap that this bastard is still in and has been promoted.

Enough is enough. How many more have to be raped before you freaking listen to survivors? The DOD has had more than their fair shot to stop rape and they are incompetent. They want rape to continue. Enough is Enough and it is time to take the damn Chain of command out of the damn picture.

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