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To: Saunders, Terri A CIV OSD OGC (US)
Subject: Military Sexual Trauma (MST) Survivor
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Dear Ms Saunders, I'm writing this e-mail after discovering that there will be a hearing in early November concerning the efficacy of the military's response to MST I'm shocked to discover that victims are still being removed from service after reporting assault. I was given a honorable discharge with a nice "personality disorder" to go with it. I have struggled for two decades with this "diagnosis" this has caused issues when I attempted to get a job. I'm considered a 100% permanent disability which makes me feel worthless. I started working when I was 14 so I am use to work. I believe that the reason I have gotten so sick is in part due to the care or lack of care I received immediately following my rape. I was even deployed with an all male unit to desert shield. I was physically injured. When I returned I was discharged because of PTSD. Although I am better now there are others who are in various stages of the process. PLEASE do what you can to help us get justice. Some of have waited so long. I trust that you all will help fix this problem. We cannot continue to punish the victim. Thank you for reading my story, maybe someone can be helped by it.

Thank you,
Diana Gonzalez

Sent from my iPad