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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

9 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Case No. 18-cr-3677-W

10 Plaintiff,

Sentencing Memorandum

11 v.

12 March 17, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

13 DUNCAN D. HUNTER,

14 Defendant.
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17 Introduction

18 Duncan Hunter served the United States with honor, courage, and
19 distinction. He also broke the law. To reconcile that dichotomy, the defense
20 respectfully suggests the Court impose a sentence consistent with the Guidelines.
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23 The adjusted offense level is 11 (8-14 months), which places Congressman
24 Hunter in Zone B. The Guidelines provide: “If the defendant is a nonviolent first
25 offender and the applicable guideline range is in Zone A or B of the Sentencing
26 Table, *the court should consider imposing a sentence other than a sentence of*
27 *imprisonment*, in accordance with subsection [] (c)(3).” U.S.S.G. § 5C1.1 cmt.
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1 n. 4 (emphasis added). Subsection (c)(3), in turn, calls for “a sentence of
2 probation that includes a condition or combination of conditions that substitute
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4 . . . home detention for imprisonment[.]” U.S.S.G. § 5C1.1.

5 Accordingly, Congressman Hunter respectfully requests a mid-range
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7 sentence of 11 months to be served in home detention as a condition of probation,
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9 along with 1,000 hours of community service.

10 Discussion

11 At the outset, it is important to clarify what is not at issue – Congressman
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13 Hunter’s guilt and contrition.

14 In his words, “I pleaded guilty because I am guilty. I misspent campaign
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16 funds to cover personal expenditures, and I allowed Margaret to do the same.”
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18 PSR at 38. He continues: “Elected representatives must be held to the highest
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20 standard. I was proud to be a United States Congressman. I received great
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22 satisfaction from enacting laws that helped make America an even better place.
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24 However, I failed in my personal behavior.” PSR at 38.

25 As Congressman Vargas’s letter elaborates, “I have seen Mr. Hunter weep
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27 because of the suffering he has caused his family, and I know he feels great shame
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29 for what he has done.” APP:16.¹ In short, his acceptance of responsibility is

30 ¹ The appendix (“APP”) contains letters of support and other relevant documents.

1 beyond dispute.

2 A. This case in context.

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4 Given his admissions in the plea agreement, this memorandum will not
5 discuss the specific allegations of misspending. Although it appears the
6 government intends to conduct a paper trial – hence, its motion to exceed the
7 page limit – that approach serves no legitimate purpose. Between the indictment,
8 pretrial motions, plea agreement, comprehensive presentence report, and
9 objections, details of the various transactions are already before the Court.²
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13 There is no reason to belabor what can be summarized in a few sentences:
14 Congressman Hunter and his wife used campaign funds for personal expenses.
15 That was wrong. He pleaded guilty on the national stage. He publicly
16 apologized. He resigned from Congress. And he blames himself. PSR at 38.
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19 At the same time, however, it is important to place the offense in the
20 context in which it occurred. The Hunter family’s finances were in disarray.
21 Although he earned a congressional salary, they overspent and used campaign
22 funds to cover the shortfall. For the most part, those funds paid for normal family
23 expenses at places like Costco and Walmart. They vacationed but were not living
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29 ² As noted in Congressman Hunter’s PSR objections, some of the alleged
30 misspending was in fact campaign related. However, the issue is moot given the
unconditional guilty plea.

1 an overly extravagant lifestyle.

2 Also significant is that Congressman Hunter did not misappropriate
3 taxpayer money. He never took from the public coffers for his personal benefit.
4 And he did not abuse his office by taking bribes or otherwise exploiting the public
5 trust. He did not sell out the American people to the highest bidder. Nor did he
6 commit perjury or obstruct justice.
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10 Perhaps the closest comparison to this case is the prosecution of
11 Congressman Jay Kim in the Central District of California. He admitted
12 “acceptance of more than \$250,000 in illegal campaign contributions.”³ The
13 court sentenced him to “one year probation, which include[d] [a] period of home
14 detention[.]” *Id.* The same type of sentence is warranted here.
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17 B. The good far outweighs the bad.
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19 Indeed, weighing the misconduct in this case against Congressman
20 Hunter’s years of service, the balance tips heavily in his favor. As the Supreme
21 Court emphasizes, “[i]t has been uniform and constant in the federal judicial
22 tradition for the sentencing judge to consider every convicted person as an
23 individual and every case as a unique study in the human failings that sometimes
24 mitigate, sometimes magnify, the crime and the punishment to ensue.” *Pepper*
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³ <https://www.latimes.com/archives/la-xpm-1998-mar-10-mn-27358-story.html>.

1 *v. United States*, 562 U.S. 476, 487 (2011) (quotations and citation omitted).

2 The PSR covers most of this ground, but a few points warrant emphasis.
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4 Congressman Hunter enlisted in the Marine Corps shortly after 9/11. He
5 completed three combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. His frequent promotions
6 speak to his excellence as a Marine officer. And his parents' letter provides
7 examples of his courage. APP:3-6.
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10 Among Congressman Hunter's numerous medals and awards, he received
11 the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with a combat distinction
12 reflecting his valor. The certificate reads in part: "First Lieutenant Hunter's
13 initiative, perseverance, and total dedication to duty reflected credit upon him and
14 were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United
15 States Naval Service." He did what most only talk about; he put his life on the
16 line in support of his country. And that experience leaves an indelible mark on
17 everyone it touches.
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22 When he returned from service, Congressman Hunter quickly became one
23 of the most effective members of California's Congressional delegation.
24 APP:37-39 (ranked the 2nd top leader compared to the California Delegation).
25 While the government consistently downplays his contributions, he was a
26 recognized leader, who worked across the aisle to get things done. APP:13-21,
27 34-44.
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1 He served on three major committees: Armed Services, Transportation and
2 Infrastructure, and Education and the Workforce. He also chaired the Coast
3 Guard and Maritime Transportation Sub-Committee. And when approximately
4 13,000 jobs in San Diego County were threatened by the proposed Qualcomm
5 takeover, Congressman Hunter worked with the President to stop it and save
6 those positions. APP:35-36. His numerous accomplishments in Congress speak
7 for themselves. PSR at 22-24, ¶¶ 107-115.

11 And it was not all about the politics. Congressman Hunter worked
12 tirelessly for his constituents and, in particular, military veterans.
13 Congresswoman Roby recounts, “I had a front-row seat to see Mr. Hunter
14 feverishly fight on behalf of our men and women in uniform[.]” APP:19. A brief
15 summary includes:
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- 19 • Assisted with dozens of cases for military personnel being allowed to stay on
20 active duty while receiving critical medical treatment and care.
- 21 • Assisted in finding missing medals for over 100 former military personnel.
- 22 • Recovered countless Certificates of Discharge from the Armed Forces (DD-
23 214) for former military personnel who had either lost or never received the
24 document.
- 25 • Worked to ensure the U.S. Navy would name a warship after a local Mexican
26 immigrant and war hero, Sergeant Rafael Peralta. APP:34 (“Naming the last
27 ship in the Lewis and Clark-class after anyone other than hometown hero
28 Rafael Peralta misses a valuable opportunity to honor the service and sacrifice
29 of a U.S. Marine who was wrongfully denied the Medal of Honor. Even with
30 this class of ships dedicated to visionaries and pioneers, there is no better
choice than Sergeant Peralta for his service and sacrifice.”).

- 1 • Fought for numerous servicemembers facing unjust disciplinary proceedings.
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- 3 • Assisted over 1,300 disabled veterans in applying, appealing, updating, and
- 4 explaining the result of VA service-connected disability claims.
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- 6 • Sponsored and passed legislation that fixed the VA's medical appointment
- 7 system to ensure that veterans no longer have long wait times to see their
- 8 physicians.
- 9 • Worked to correct an average of 35 unpaid medical bills a year for veterans
- 10 using emergency medical services.
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- 12 • Worked with the VA to correct and update tombstones of 16 veterans who
- 13 had errors or missing information.
- 14 • Worked with the VA to complete the first ever Camp Lejeune water
- 15 contamination case in the nation.
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17 For Congressman Hunter, this work was personal. He repeatedly went out
18 on a limb for people in need. Two stories illustrate his commitment.

19 First, in 2011, Army Green Beret Sgt. Charles Martland was stationed in
20 Afghanistan. He learned a local police commander had repeatedly raped a young
21 boy. Sgt. Martland confronted the commander, who indicated he would not stop
22 the sexual abuse. At that point, Sgt. Martland was alleged to have pushed or
23 struck the commander to make clear his conduct was unacceptable and would not
24 be tolerated.
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29 However, instead of backing Sgt. Martland's attempt to protect the child,
30 the Army tried to kick him out. As soon as Congressman Hunter heard about this

1 injustice, he intervened. He used every contact he had and all of his influence to
2 fight for Sgt. Martland. APP:22. He stood firmly against the Army leadership.
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4 He prevailed. The Army reversed its decision.⁴

5 As Sgt. Martland writes: “I am currently finishing up my sixteenth year of
6 service and will complete my last four years as a Special Forces sniper instructor.
7 My family will receive full retirement benefits and a pension. Not a day goes by
8 that we are not grateful for all that Congressman Hunter has done for us. My wife
9 and I have four boys and we have named our oldest and youngest after the two
10 most patriotic role models of our lifetime: Patrick Tillman Martland and Duncan
11 Hunter Martland. We hope that they will follow in their footsteps.” APP:22.
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16 Even after successfully defending Sgt. Martland, Congressman Hunter
17 went further to address the underlying issue. He introduced legislation (the
18 “MARTLAND Act”) to establish a policy against sexual abuse on all U.S.
19 military installations. He sought to close the loophole that allowed foreign
20 citizens to commit heinous acts with impunity on U.S. military bases overseas.⁵
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24 The proposed Act explained: “Members of the United States Army and
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28 ⁴ See <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/army-retains-decorated-green-beret-it-planned-to-kick-out-over-confronting-afghan-child-rapist>.

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30 ⁵ See <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/4717/text>.

1 Marine Corps serving in Afghanistan were advised to respect cultural and
2 religious practices of Afghans and told that sexual abuse perpetrated by local
3 allies was a matter of Afghan law.” *Id.* However, the Act made clear, “[f]ighting
4 in a foreign theater of war should not require members of the Armed Forces to
5 turn a blind eye toward criminal perversion.” *Id.* Thus, it proposed making the
6 official “policy of the United States that human rights violations, including child
7 abuse, shall not be conducted or condoned on any United States military
8 installation, whether located in the United States or overseas, by either citizens
9 or nationals of the United States or foreign nationals.” *Id.*

14 Second, in 2018, one of Congressman Hunter’s constituents suffered a
15 serious injury while on vacation in Mexico. APP:23-24 (letter from the injured
16 woman’s mother). She was in the hospital with a fractured skull. The hospital,
17 however, refused to provide medical transportation without prepayment of over
18 \$10,000. Her family did not have the money. Her life was at risk.

22 Congressman Hunter came to her aid. He personally guaranteed the
23 money for an AirLink ambulance. Medical transport to the United States quickly
24 followed.⁶ As her mother writes, we “are very thankful for Duncan Junior and
25 Senior going above and beyond to get Katie back home. You don’t hear a lot of
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29 ⁶ See [https://www.cbs8.com/article/news/san-diego-womans-parasailing-
30 nightmare-in-mexico/509-ebaea6aa-76ca-4435-91cf-990cf7437492](https://www.cbs8.com/article/news/san-diego-womans-parasailing-nightmare-in-mexico/509-ebaea6aa-76ca-4435-91cf-990cf7437492).

1 politicians going out of their way to help the way the Hunters have.” APP:24.

2 These acts speak to Congressman Hunter’s core values. In the sentencing
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4 calculus, they further militate in favor of the Guidelines’ proposal of home
5 detention with community service.

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7 C. Home detention and community service best serve the public interest.

8 Indeed, as the letters of support highlight, Congressman Hunter has
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10 demonstrated his ability to help veterans and those in need. There are many
11 nonprofit organizations that can benefit from his experience. These include,
12 among others, Rivers of Recovery, United American Patriots, and the Navy
13 SEALs Fund.⁷ Congressman Hunter “has spent countless hours volunteering his
14 time and efforts” with these groups and can continue doing so. APP:19. He also
15 has the opportunity to help lead a local training course in the electrical trade for
16 wounded warriors. APP:29.

17 It is hard to overstate the good his community service could accomplish.
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19 As Congressman Kinzinger writes: “I believe that Mr. Hunter can, and will, be
20 more helpful to veterans and his nation in the years to come. One thing veterans
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27 ⁷ Rivers of Recovery specializes in the rehabilitation of combat veterans. United
28 American Patriots works to improve public awareness, fund legal representation,
29 and provide reintegration support for veterans. The Navy SEALs Fund is a
30 veterans-helping-veterans organization dedicated to supporting all generations of
UDT/SEAL teammates.

1 struggle with daily is figuring out how to take their internal struggles, and turn
2 them into something manageable and helpful. With Mr. Hunter, I whole-
3 heartedly believe he will be able to use his personal failings and experiences to
4 help many in the future.” APP:17.
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7 Further, and significantly, home detention would allow Congressman
8 Hunter to continue supporting his children emotionally and financially. His son’s
9 heartfelt letter tells the story of Congressman Hunter as a father:
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11 With everything that has happened in the last thirteen years or so,
12 my father has made it to every single one of my sports games. He was at
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14 participated in throughout my adolescent years, and there were quite a
15 few. I model my core fundamentals regarding the intricacies of life based
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18 Whenever he was home, which was quite more often than the
19 average person looking in on our situations can possibly see, he would
20 always, always incorporate me and my family into everything. My current
21 work ethic stems from him. My respect and acceptance of different people
22 than me stems from him. My faith in God, my first Bible that I keep on
23 my night table, both stem from his positive influence on my life. I was a
24 very independent child and teenager, and that has nothing to do with any
25 negative connotation one might mistakenly perceive. He inspired me to
26 pave my own path, to be my own man. I truly do not wish to fathom what
27 kind of person I would be if I never knew him.
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30 APP:2.

1 This is the epitome of Congressman Hunter away from public view. The
2 letters from his family speak to the person he is and the sacrifices he made for
3 our country.
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5 Against the weight of all this, the government will claim custody is
6 necessary. But the argument ignores “the principle that ‘the punishment should
7 fit the offender and not merely the crime.’” *Pepper*, 562 U.S. at 488. Judging
8 Congressman Hunter on only the facts of this case is like judging a movie on just
9 a few frames. At best, the story is incomplete, if not entirely misleading.
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12 Nevertheless, the prosecution will repeat its mantra of deterrence, while
13 overlooking the reality of that factor. The consequences for Congressman Hunter
14 have been devastating and well-publicized – nationwide humiliation, family
15 strife (to put it mildly), felony conviction, resignation from Congress, etc. No
16 one would willingly repeat his mistakes. The ordeal of this prosecution has
17 already deterred potential campaign-fund abusers. Piling on a prison term would
18 have no appreciable benefit.
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23 The Sentencing Guidelines confirm this point. As discussed above, for
24 someone like Congressman Hunter, “a nonviolent first offender . . . in Zone [] B
25 of the Sentencing Table, the court should consider imposing a sentence other than
26 a sentence of imprisonment[.]” U.S.S.G. § 5C1.1 cmt. n. 4. And in the place of
27 imprisonment, the Guidelines specifically suggest “a sentence of probation that
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1 includes a condition or combination of conditions that substitute . . . home
2 detention for imprisonment[.]” U.S.S.G. § 5C1.1(c)(3).

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4 Home detention, moreover, is a substantial deprivation of liberty. It is a
5 24/7 restriction to the home with narrowly-tailored exceptions for community
6 service, work, medical treatment, and church attendance. Thus, while home
7 detention is not jail, nor is it freedom. By all measures, it is a significant
8 punishment.
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11 Accordingly, Congressman Hunter asks the Court to impose a sentence of
12 11 months in home detention as a condition of probation, with 1,000 hours of
13 community service.⁸
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16 Respectfully submitted,

17 Dated: March 10, 2020

18 /s/ Devin Burstein
19 Devin Burstein
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28 ⁸ In terms of duration, 11 months is consistent with the PSR’s recommendation.
29 Another way to reach the same result would be time-served with a term of
30 supervised release in which 11 months is served in home detention. The Court,
of course, could also impose a split sentence.

APPENDIX

Letters of support.....	1
Duncan L. Hunter II, son.....	1
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Duncan L. Hunter II
Son of Duncan D. Hunter

March 9, 2020

Honorable Thomas J. Whalen
Judge of the United States District
Court for the Southern District of California
221 W. Broadway
San Diego, CA 92101

Re: Duncan D. Hunter

Dear Judge Whalen:

Ever since I remember in my life of nearly twenty years, my dad has always been there for me. He may not have been there in person for part of the time I've taken to grow up from a boy, but there has never, ever been a single moment where I have felt feelings of neglect, or any negative feeling related. And though I can't speak for my sisters, I believe they share the same ideal. Ever since I can recall, my dad has raised me to be the man I am today. I hold no role model except for my father. Though there are many other great figures in my life, not one can compare to the respect and the love I will always have for my dad. He has always pushed me to be the greatest person I can be, instilling in me from a young age the drive to be the absolute best man I can be day in and day out. Never for a single second have I ever doubted the deep love he holds for every member of my family, regardless of what anyone outside of our home says. He taught me how to work hard, how to correctly exercise and keep my body healthy, and most importantly he is possibly the absolutely most accepting and supportive man I have ever known. I grew up in a very happy household based on Christian faith, and regardless again of any event that has transpired in the recent past, my dad served this country with all the God-given strength he has, and despite having to work in a different state for most of his work, has given it all for our family.

Keep in mind I am not writing this letter because I have to or because I was recommended to; As my own man, I choose to. Our family has been slandered and the target of aggression for years now whether it be angry social media users or spiteful news stations. And both of my parents, separate or not, have always protected me and my dear siblings from quite literally all of the negative attention. Instead of shutting us off from it all, my mom and dad informed us the maximum amount that they could, and taught us how to defend ourselves against unwanted interest in our affairs during school and at social activities. My dad has never ceased providing for us, and I credit my serious trust in God on his example.

Through my years as a child, then a teenager, and now an adult, I have always been able to turn towards him regarding anything I face on a daily basis. From his fatherhood to me, I have learned an immense amount of information concerning life on this Earth. Quite often, I ask myself how I am going to shape my child in the way that he built me. I have personally been there for nearly every single interaction between my dad and members of my immediate family, and I have never spotted a sliver of malice or spite in eyes, his tone, or his action. He is an

incredibly strong person, and has accomplished many feats which I acknowledged at a very young age and aspire to match, and push myself to even top.

As I have progressed my studies to a college level in recent times, I am here alone, and yet not once have I ever felt alone. Both of my parents are constantly, always there for me, and every day I wake up remembering where I came from and how fortunate I am to have this kind of love in my life. There have been hard times, as is the case with every family I have ever known, and the trials my family has faced happen to now be in the public eye, opening the conversation to anyone with technology. I firmly believe that these hardships have made my family much stronger.

With everything that has happened in the last thirteen years or so, my father has made it to every single one of my sports games. He was at nearly every rugby game, every football game, and every track meet I ever participated in throughout my adolescent years, and there were quite a few. I model my core fundamentals regarding the intricacies of life based off of his. I personally hold my respect and my love for my dad separate, and please let me elaborate. Of course, he is my father, so I hold love for him that is never-ending and constantly endearing.

My respect for my dad is derived from how I have witnessed him handle every single situation thrown at him and from how he raised me as I look back on everything. Whenever he was home, which was quite more often than the average person looking in on our situations can possibly see, he would always, always incorporate me and my family into everything. My current work ethic stems from him. My respect and acceptance of different people than me stems from him. My faith in God, my first Bible that I keep on my night table, both stem from his positive influence on my life. I was a very independent child and teenager, and that has nothing to do with any negative connotation one might mistakenly perceive. He inspired me to pave my own path, to be my own man. I truly do not wish to fathom what kind of person I would be if I never knew him.

To my sisters, he has been an amazing father, and I know this from the constant contact and conversation I have with each of them every day. They both look up to him nearly as much, if not the exact amount, that I do. My parents, when still formally and informally unified, created a household of absolute love and care. All my life, my family has been a home in itself; it does not matter where we physically live. My present-day relationship with my father is one of the prized parts of my life. My dad and I are the men of my family. I was always raised by him as a man, and therefore began that phase of my life quite early mentally. He forever has encouraged the growth and positivity that my family and I always hold high. I grieve deeply every day in light of current times, as I know the person my father is in and out, compared to the casual onlooker who holds little to no true knowledge or relevance in how life truly has been for my family; That is one of the thousands of reasons I write this letter. A great man and a great father, he is the one role model I hold.

Thank you for reading.

Sincerely,



Duncan Lee Hunter II

Duncan L. Hunter, U.S. Rep. (ret. 1981-2009)
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March 10, 2020

The Honorable Thomas Whelan
Edward J. Schwartz
United States Courthouse
221 West Broadway
San Diego, CA 92101

Re: USA vs. Duncan Hunter
United States District Court Case No. 3:18-cr-03677-W

Dear Judge Whelan,

Lynne and I are writing to give you a picture of our beloved son, Duncan. Please allow us to remember some unforgettable scenes.

It was a few days after the attack on America during 9-11. Lynne's phone rang. It was Duncan.

"Mom, those folks in the towers didn't deserve to die. I'm quitting my job and joining the Marines. I'm gonna go after `em."

Duncan was working at a high-tech job a few blocks from the Federal Courthouse. Soon he was enlisted and on his way to Quantico, Va. for officer's training in the artillery.

Judge, the action reflected Duncan's make-up. He was precocious as a kid, high energy, mediocre at school, intensely principled, courageous to a fault. We, as a nation had been attacked and he was determined to meet the enemy at the gates.

Three years later, in April 2004, I was chairing a meeting of the House Armed Services Committee in Congress. In Iraq, 4 Americans had just been killed, burned and hung on the Euphrates River Bridge in the dangerous City of Fallujah.

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Two Marine battalions had entered the city and engaged the insurgent force. Fighting was heavy. Duncan was in the fight, inside the city, as a Marine artillery officer with an infantry company.

"Congressman, you have a phone call." My staff motioned me from the edge of the Hearing Room." It's your son." He's calling from a satellite cell phone inside Fallujah."

I picked up the phone. On the other end was an angry Marine. "Dad, what are the idiot politicians in Washington doing?" "We are fighting our way through the city. We've taken casualties but we're rolling them back, and we just got an order to cease the attack!" "This is crazy. We're gonna get a bunch of Marines killed. What are you guys doing?"

I stammered that I would have an answer in a couple of hours, I then called the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon, and they knew nothing about the order to cease the attack. Later, we were briefed that President Bush's Envoy to Iraq, Paul Bremer, after demanding the Marines attack, had, under Sunni pressure, persuaded General Sanchez to stop the attack and "freeze" the attacking Marine units. It was a mistake that allowed the insurgents to regain their footing, resulting in increased Marine casualties.

When Duncan called back from the battle two hours later, all I could do was lamely report the confusion that reigned at the Pentagon. History tells us now that the "now attack, now stop" orders of the First Battle of Fallujah was an early mistake of the Iraq War.

Judge, I relay this story about Duncan because it showed the character of a leader who acts with intelligence and without regard for personal consequences to protect his people and his country. In his ten years in Congress he showed the same good judgment followed by action many times.

Now, Lynne, the real leader of the Hunter family wants to tell you something.

Your honor, this is Lynne. I have for the past three years watched the ugly caricature of our son presented by the local news media. Let me tell you about Duncan.

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He and Margaret met during one of our early campaigns for Congress. He was 15 and she was 17. They made it through the Marine Corps with three beautiful children, and life was good. When Duncan ran for Congress the Corps recalled him and sent him to Afghanistan. He got back with a few months to go before the election and won.

Your honor, every family receives its share of heartbreak. In the middle of mine, I've often thought that it was a mistake for Margaret to remain in San Diego while Duncan went to Washington. Their congressional career was a lot like the military where the husband is "deployed" a great deal.

Yet, I'm consoled daily by reflecting how God blessed our family in so many ways. I do want you to know that Duncan, while absent for congressional work, has, always been there for his son and daughters. He has always moved Heaven and Earth to get back in time for their sports games and school events. To make an event, Duncan would end up taking the all-night "red eye" to Washington, so that he could be with his kids a little longer on the breaks.

Your honor, we want you to know that we love Margaret and we ask you to treat her with compassion. The girls need her at this critical time in their young lives. When Duncan audited the campaign three years ago, and they sold their house to pay the shortage, Margaret suffered greatly. Please be kind to her.

Now, I'll turn the "pen" back to Duncan Sr.

Let me tell another Duncan Hunter story.

Sergeant Raphael Peralta was a kid from National City who found himself assaulting a "kill house" in the Second Battle of Fallujah. Hit in the head as he entered a room, Peralta went down. An insurgent threw a grenade into the middle of the squad of Marines. Peralta grabbed the grenade and pulled it under his body, smothering the blast and saving his buddies.

Months later, the Marines recommended Peralta for the Medal of Honor, in thanks for his last act on Earth.

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Several Doctors in the Pentagon stopped the award to Peralta, claiming, among other things that the grenade had actually landed and exploded several feet from Peralta.

Duncan, talking with Peralta's squad members, took on the case. His campaign to convince the Pentagon to reverse the decision was intense. As usual he was blunt and fearless, making lots of enemies in DOD.

In the end, Duncan tracked down Peralta's bloody body armor. There, in the chest of the armor was embedded the fuse of the insurgent grenade. This proved beyond a doubt that Peralta had indeed pulled the grenade under his body.

With this additional evidence, Duncan went back at the Secretary of Defense. He didn't succeed in getting the MOH. He did, however, recommend successfully, that the Navy name a warship after Sergeant Peralta.

The Peralta sails today. When the commissioning took place, all of San Diego turned out, with a full complement of politicians...except Duncan. He called me from D.C. "Duncan, you did it. Don't you want to reap some publicity?", I asked.

"Dad, you go in my place and give `em a good speech." The important thing is we got it done. Aren't you missing the cameras?", he kidded.

Judge, as a guy who never missed out on publicity, I marveled at Duncan's disinterest in "camera time." When his ranking democrat John Garamendi introduced a "build in America" provision in the maritime bill, I reminded Duncan that he should be "reaping some of the credit for the issue."

"John's a good guy and he's doing the right thing," was his answer. Simply, he actually was an embodiment of Lincoln's old saying that "You can get a lot done if you don't care who gets the credit.

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Your honor, allow me as a loving father, rusty lawyer and long serving congressman representing San Diego to raise some points in defense of my son as you proceed to the sentencing.

Politics is the gathering of people to your side. In the end you hope to have more people than the other guy. The "gathering" is done through an array of social activities. Fund raisers, receptions, breakfasts, lunches, dinners, golf games. You try to turn acquaintances into friends and hope that they become supporters and contributors. At the same time you stay connected to early supporters.

The rules of the House provide that campaign expenditures must serve a "bona-fide political or official purpose. Federal statute follows the principle.

Your honor, I ascertained the names of the "individuals" cited in Duncan's indictment and matched them with the "overt acts" and discovered an amazing thing: The participants in "overt acts" nos. 5, 6, 16, 21, 25, 31, 35, 36, 41, 42, 63, 69, 74, 80, 85, 87, 92, 102, 103, 112, 124, 126, 127, 132, 161, 171, 172, 173, 174, 180, 182 are registered FEC campaign contributors to Duncan's re-election.

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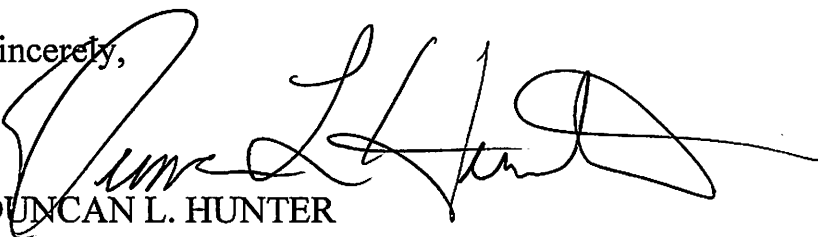
I have attached an example of an FEC record that identifies person "1A" as a bona-fide contributor.

To my knowledge, in the history of the U.S. there has never (until now) been a criminal prosecution for a bona-fide FEC contributor being hosted to a meal, golf game, etc. which is paid for with campaign funds.

Your Honor, I hope we have painted a helpful picture of our son, reflecting the value he has brought to our family and our nation. Thank you for listening.

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Sincerely,

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DUNCAN L. HUNTER

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March 7, 2020

Honorable Thomas J. Whalen
Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of California
221 W. Broadway
San Diego, CA 92101

Re: Sentencing of Duncan D. Hunter

Dear Judge Whalen:

We are writing on behalf of our nephew, Duncan D. Hunter, to request that you consider his character, his devotion and service to his country and all of his current circumstances when sentencing him on March 17, 2020.

We have practiced law in this community since 1974 and 1993, respectively. We currently have offices in San Diego and Chico, California.

We have known Duncan since he was born, and have watched him develop into an honest and courageous young man in fighting for our country as a Marine and representing our citizens as a Congressman. He has always been steadfast and unequivocal in taking on responsibility and in taking full responsibility for his actions.

Duncan was raised in this community along with fourteen first cousins, including our three children and we have had the opportunity to know him throughout his childhood and, as an adult. When Bonnie's parents were still alive Duncan visited them often. Duncan was always present, when possible, to attend all of our extended family functions, when we celebrated together on Easter, Christmas, Thanksgiving, weddings, graduations and birthdays. Our family is extremely close.

Duncan understood that family was important. In fact, it was Duncan who requested that we have more family events, as some of the cousins scattered to other parts of the country, Colorado, New York, Connecticut, Idaho and Texas. Several years ago, he organized a 'cousin' event in San Diego and later begged us to put together another one later that year. Because of Duncan's urging, we did so, and ensured that every single cousin and aunt and uncle showed up to celebrate our family when we dedicated a stained glass window honoring Bonnie's parents and Steve's mother in our church. This event would not have happened save for Duncan's determination to keep our extended family in touch.

We remember the family gathering when Duncan enlisted in the Marine Corps shortly after 9/11, and we had the opportunity to give Duncan a copy of a letter his grandfather had sent home from

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Quantico during Marine Corps training before he was shipped to fight in the Pacific during World War II. Duncan was extremely appreciative.

When we learned of Duncan's first deployment to fight in Iraq, we researched and purchased the best GPS system we could find at the time, as we knew he would be an artillery officer. Duncan later told us it was better than the military equipment he was given.

We remember the short leave Duncan had when his grandmother was dying, and the family gathered at the hospital—sitting there with Duncan as we watched the first news of the American forces going into Iraq, knowing that he would be there soon.

Duncan's love for his extended family is exceeded by his love for his nuclear family. We have watched Duncan over the years with his own children and have attended with him their sports competitions and activities. He is an extremely devoted and caring father who spends as much time as possible with his children. In years past, we spent vacations with Duncan and Margaret and the children fly fishing. We watched Duncan carefully teach his children how to 'catch and release.' This last Christmas season he devoted all of his time to his children, which was particularly important as his oldest child is now in college and was only home on winter break.

Duncan has always been steadfast in his commitments, as well as in devotion to his family. We marveled at his ability in college to create a web design business and be successful in its operation while completing his degree at SDSU.

Duncan also worked as a clerk/intern for Bonnie shortly after she began practicing law. She was impressed with his devotion to his work, with resolving fairly complicated tasks and his reliability. Duncan was always cheerful and ready to get the job done.

In more recent years, our relationship with Duncan as aunt and uncle has evolved into a relationship as unpaid lobbyists. As past members of the local council of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) we have attended three annual policy conferences in Washington, D.C. The last day of each conference AIPAC members visit their individual Members of Congress. We have been part of the conference delegation for Duncan's district to meet with him and have policy discussions concerning the United States relationship with Israel. Duncan has always been extremely gracious and responsive to the delegation lobbying efforts on every occasion. Again, his commitment for a strong Israel has been steadfast (well before our involvement with AIPAC).

We have always found Duncan to be steadfast and adamant in pursuing what he believes is important and what is right. What he has done in life has been difficult. He has chosen occupations which were demanding and hard.

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As his aunt and uncle we were very, very concerned when Duncan decided to enlist in the Marine Corps immediately after the 9/11 terrorist attack. Our daughter had been a witness to this horror as she was walking to work in New York City, and, like all Americans, we were terribly saddened by this attack on our nation and by the massive number of lives lost. However, Duncan didn't consult his family and didn't talk about joining the Marine Corps until after he had enlisted. He knew it was the right thing to do, although it could result in his ultimate sacrifice for his nation. He did it without equivocation.

We remember talking to Duncan at a family gathering while Duncan was home from his first deployment to Iraq. It was the first time he expressed any intention of running for office. He had experienced firsthand at the battle of Fallujah how sometimes political agendas can change the strategy of winning a war. It was at that time that he thought that victory in war and the number of lives sacrificed should not be determined by politicians and their latest polls.

Duncan went on to two more deployments—a second one to Iraq and one to Afghanistan.

But later, Duncan put these thoughts into action and ran for Congress. He chose an occupation that is hard, and one that ultimately brought him here before the Court today. But, it was a decision he thought was important and the right thing to do with his life.

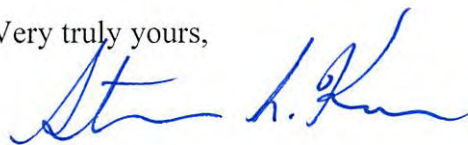
He has been courageous in his outspoken manner of taking on difficult issues in Congress. He has fought for those who could not fight for themselves. He has made many unpopular and difficult decisions to do what he believes is right for his constituents and his country.

We ask that you consider Duncan's character and his devotion and service to others both on the battlefield and in Congress.

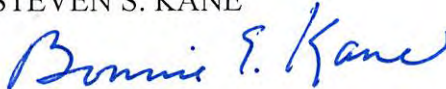
We also ask that you consider that he is the sole support of his wife, his two young daughters and his son in college. He has foregone his occupation, sold his home and has overwhelming legal expenses. We hope that you will consider as lenient a sentencing as can be arrived at in good conscience based on Duncan's character and his contributions to our nation and to our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,



STEVEN S. KANE



BONNIE E. KANE

March 6th, 2020

The Honorable Thomas Whelan

United States District Court for the Southern District of California
940 Front Street, San Diego, California 92101

United States of America vs Amcon D. Hunter

Dear Judge Whelan,

I write to request mercy on behalf of former Congressman Amcon D. Hunter. To be clear, what Mr. Hunter did was wrong and there is no excuse for his actions. Nonetheless, a punishment in the form of incarceration will only serve to compound the misery created by Mr. Hunter.

I have known Amcon D. Hunter for nearly a decade, and his father, retired Congressman Amcon Hunter for nearly three decades. Our political beliefs could be characterized as polar opposites of each other, as I am a liberal Democrat and Mr. Hunter a conservative Republican. Yet, during our service together in Congress, Mr. Hunter and I managed to work together on issues and projects that benefited San Diego, like the expansion

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and modernization of the San Ysidro Land Port of Entry, and by providing support to our military personnel and veterans. Many of those we sought to aid were veterans sadly dealing with the physical, mental and emotional wounds received during wartime deployment. While his behavior is not excused by the afflictions he suffered during his deployments to Afghanistan and Iraq, I personally believe that Mr. Hunter would not have committed his crimes and hurt his family in such a profound way if he was not battling the demons and substance abuse addiction that followed him home from his wartime deployments. Of course Mr. Hunter's situation is not unique, as there are scores of former Marines and military personnel in Tijuana, Mexico and around the world that also have committed crimes and were stripped of their legal status in our country and deported to countries they often do not remember because they left there as children. These deported veterans need special counseling and treatment which they cannot find in places where they were exiled. Likewise,

Mr. Hunter needs special counseling and treatment after fighting our wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

As a committed Christian and a former Jesuit, I believe that showing Mr. Hunter mercy would better serve our society and Mr. Hunter and his family. He could be required to attend P.T.S.D. counseling and treatment, as well as be required to perform significant community service to those whose lives have been affected because of P.T.S.D. Mr. Hunter has committed crimes that he must answer for, and he has made grave moral mistakes that have deeply injured his family, especially his children and his father, yet incarceration does not seem like the answer to his failings.

When Mr. Hunter called and asked if I would write a letter on his behalf to this court I did not hesitate to tell him I would. I believe in mercy and redemption, it is the way we Christians were taught to live our lives, and I believe our justice system works

best when these same principles are applied to those that commit crimes and want to change their lives. I have seen Mr. Hunter weep because of the suffering he has caused his family, and I know he feels great shame for what he has done. I hope that this court channels the mercy that God shows to each one of us every day, and that he is spared incarceration and instead given a chance to redeem his life and return to his family a new man. Your honor, I pray that you show American mercy.

Sincerely,
Jon C. Vargas

March 8, 2020

HON JUDGE WHELAN

UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE
221 WEST BROADWAY
SAN DIEGO, CA 92101

SUBJECT: United States Vs. Duncan Hunter Jr

Honorable Judge Whelan,

I met Duncan Hunter in 2009, as a candidate for US Congress. At that time, he was still serving in the Marine Corps Reserves, and I was (and still am) in the Air National Guard. As one of the first post 9/11 Veterans running for Congress, I found it important to meet with the first post-9/11 Congressman. Immediately I realized that Rep. Hunter cared deeply not just about expanding the numbers of veterans in Congress, but was passionate about the country he represented both in the Marine Corps and now in Congress, and more importantly the people behind the defense of our nation.

As I have gotten to know Duncan over time, I can attest that his passion for those who serve is unparalleled to anyone else with whom I have worked. I have watched his personal struggles, and have seen this case and the realization of his wrongs tear him up inside. I know he is remorseful, not just because he holds himself to a higher standard that he didn't live up to, but also because he believed that he would not be in a position to help the veterans he loves. I have to disagree with his assessment. I believe that Mr. Hunter can, and will, be more helpful to veterans and his nation in the years to come. One thing veterans struggle with daily is figuring out how to take their internal struggles, and turn them into something manageable and helpful. With Mr. Hunter, I whole-heartedly believe he will be able to use his personal failings and experiences to help many in the future.

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I believe that if Duncan Hunter is able to use his time paying back society to channel that into receiving personal help and using that to inspire others in similar positions, his payback to society would be immeasurable. He will be able to use his experiences as both a warning and inspiration to others that would be in a similar situation, whether that is elected office or any other position. If Duncan can overcome, they can as well.

Just as importantly I would be remiss if I didn't mention that one thing that has always stood out to me about Duncan, is his deep compassion and love for every person who needs a champion. I have watched him work countless hours to help those who needed it, without praise, a news article, or any "ataboys." I believe this will continue and only get stronger in the next chapter of his life.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter from someone who has seen and known the Duncan Hunter Jr. that the cameras or media didn't see. The man who always sought to help others in need. The man that will remain my friend because I know his heart.

SINCERELY,

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ADAM KINZINGER
US CONGRESSMAN
ILLINOIS 16

Honorable Martha D. Roby

504 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515

March 9, 2020

Honorable Thomas J. Whelan
United States District Judge
Southern District of California
Edward J. Schwartz United States Courthouse
221 West Broadway, Suite 3155
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Judge Whelan,

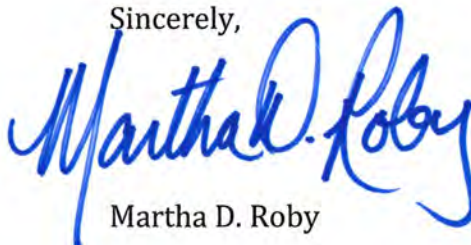
I write to you today regarding the upcoming case for Mr. Duncan Hunter on March 17, 2020. While justice must be served in this case and you have the ultimate authority for its final closure, my outreach to you is about my affiliation and working relationship with Mr. Hunter.

In 2011, I first met Mr. Hunter while serving in the United States House of Representatives. Mr. Hunter and I served together on the House Armed Services Committee (HASC) from 2011 – 2013. During these years and beyond, I had a front-row seat to see Mr. Hunter feverishly fight on behalf of our men and women in uniform through his legislative efforts and oversight on HASC. Mr. Hunter, being a service veteran himself, was a known leader throughout the Committee and the entire House of Representatives because of his perspective and understanding of our military members and their families.

I also know that Mr. Hunter's dedication to our country and to our nation's veterans went beyond the typical role of a United States Congressman. He has spent countless hours volunteering his time and efforts with veteran groups such as Rivers of Recovery, United American Patriots, and the Navy SEALs Fund. In life, time is one of our most valuable gifts to give and Mr. Hunter's dedication to aiding fellow veterans should not go unnoticed.

In closing, thank you for taking the time to read this letter regarding Mr. Hunter, and while your judgment is final, please take my characterization of Mr. Hunter into consideration during your deliberation of this case.

Sincerely,



Martha D. Roby

March 7, 2020

The Honorable Thomas J. Whelan
Judge, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California
Edward J. Schwartz United States Courthouse
221 West Broadway
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Judge Whelan:

My name is Michael Harrison and I was the District Chief of Staff for former Congressman Duncan D. Hunter during the entirety of his tenure in Congress. I am immensely proud of the hard work and accomplishments I was able to be part of through Congressman Hunter, highlighted by the high standard he required of us as staff in serving our constituents, regardless of political party or persuasion.

As you consider sentencing for former Congressman Hunter, I am providing for your review an OpEd the *San Diego Union Tribune* published and posted online. I authored this piece in an attempt to provide the public with a different perspective of the Congressman who served them while, at the same time, to express the high personal regard I have for him both as my boss and my friend. At the risk of sounding presumptuous, I am confident that my words reflect the sentiment of many dozens of others who have had the opportunity to work for Congressman Hunter.

Judge Whelan, while I have been with the Hunter family for over 25 years, I am not a pollyannaish staffer. I fully recognize the significance of the count to which Congressman Hunter has pled guilty and the pride I have in our work is equally matched by the heartbreak I feel for the loss of future accomplishments that Congressman Hunter would have undoubtedly had serving in the House. Congressman Hunter is not a perfect person and I am pleased to see that he has shown both contrition and responsibility in this matter. As I alluded to in my piece, the character of a man to volunteer for combat in a time of war, the fortitude of a person to come back from that intense and exhausting experience and immediately launch into a career of public service, speaks to a potential that has been neither extinguished or exhausted. A potential that is plainly visible to those of us who know him well. I respectfully request that you take this all into consideration as you make your important decision regarding his future and I want to thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,



Michael Harrison
District Chief of Staff
50th District of California

The San Diego Union-Tribune

Duncan Hunter: My Boss, My Friend

**By Mike Harrison
December 20, 2019**

For over 25 years, I've had the distinct honor of working for both Duncan Hunters. I started with Duncan L. right out of college, an opportunity to work for my own Congressman on issues I cared about. What started as an internship, culminated into a career of service.

When Duncan D. won the seat, my responsibilities reached new levels, allowing me both to grow and to lead. As a boss, Congressman Hunter recognized the value of different perspectives, bringing me into the decision-making process and tasking me with carrying out what needed to be done. We didn't agree on everything. He was 100% right about Trump's electability, I was 100% wrong. But any criticism was short-lived, the only expectation was hard work. His confidence in me was my motivation to excel.

Congressman Hunter matched our district with a consistent voting record that was the epitome of staunch conservatism. National security, enforcing the border, defending those in uniform, protecting the unborn, upholding the 2nd Amendment, cutting taxes, eliminating federal regulations, advocating property rights, promoting small business growth, this was the norm, not the exception. There was no self-aggrandizing about making tough decisions, the Hunter Standard was to unapologetically do what was right for America, regardless of the political consequences.

This record was coupled with tireless advocacy. Helping SEAL Chief Gallagher, keeping Qualcomm in San Diego, those were headline issues but there are literally thousands of others. Congressman Hunter's approach was beyond providing assistance, it was finding out what more could be done, never taking no for an answer, challenging the system and changing it if need be.

Duncan brought these same qualities to me as a friend. When I ran for State Assembly, he answered yes to everything asked of him, anything to be helpful. He was equally supportive when I made the difficult decision to suspend that effort, encouraging me without hesitation that it is never wrong to put family first. It is Duncan who taught me that difficult circumstances are what reveal our character.

Soon, I will no longer be working for Duncan Hunter. While I knew there would come a time when I would be making that statement, having it become reality is surreal and those words are strange to hear. As much as Duncan believed in me, I believe in him. I am absolutely confident that the same character that led him to volunteer for combat in the Marine Corps after 9/11 and to dedicate himself to public service is this same character that will propel Duncan after Congress.

I stand by my boss, I stand by my friend. I will always be indebted to Duncan Hunter and I will always be thankful to have served by his side.

Mike Harrison is Congressman Hunter's District Chief of Staff.

To the Honorable Judge Whelan,

Words cannot express the gratitude my family and I feel for the actions and leadership of Congressman Duncan Hunter, who fought for my military career and overturned an Army decision to involuntarily discharge me from the service in August of 2015.

The grounds for the Army's decision was a reprimand I received in 2011 for assaulting an Afghan police officer. This officer had kidnapped and brutally raped a young boy and then severely beaten the boy's mother after she came to my US Special Forces camp looking for help.

By August of 2015, I had exhausted all of my options for appeal and was preparing to leave the service when Congressman Hunter agreed to take on my case and challenge the highest levels of the United States military. For the next ten months, he brought national attention not only to my case but, more importantly, to the sexual assault of children taking place all over Afghanistan, including on US bases.

Due to Congressman Hunter's leadership, courage, patriotism, and tireless work ethic, the Army reversed its decision to involuntarily separate me in April of 2016. Congressman Duncan Hunter has been an answer to our prayers, not only helping our family but several other families from all branches of the US military. We are incredibly grateful for his service to our country as both a marine and a congressman.

I am currently finishing up my sixteenth year of service and will complete my last four years as a Special Forces sniper instructor. My family will receive full retirement benefits and a pension. Not a day goes by that we are not grateful for all that Congressman Hunter has done for us. My wife and I have four boys and we have named our oldest and youngest after the two most patriotic role models of our lifetime: Patrick Tillman Martland and Duncan Hunter Martland. We hope that they will follow in their footsteps.



SFC Charles Martland



Pilar Martland

To: Judge Thomas Whelan

My name is Kelly Malone, I'm writing this letter on behalf of my daughter Katie Malone and I. Katie was seriously injured in a parasailing accident in the summer of 2018 while vacationing in Puerto Vallarta Mexico. She had a fractured skull, on both sides, a crack in her sacrum, pelvis, broken ribs, and many other injuries. She was in the hospital for two weeks, and had a couple surgeries. The doctor told me and my family there wasn't much more they could do for Katie. She had to get to the United States to a trauma center here in San Diego ASAP, and she would have to fly on a medical life flight plane. We were able to raise some money to pay for the hospital bill. The plane would not list off from Mexico until they were paid in full, up front, so we did not know what to do. A friend reached out to Duncan Hunter Senior to see if he could help us. He said there's not much he can do since he's not in congress anymore, so then he called Duncan Hunter Jr, who said he would help out. Duncan Senior call the flight company in Mexico and ask them would they except a signed written note that 13,900 will be paid within 15 days of arrival in San Diego. Would they take off from Mexico. The life flight company agreed and took off right away from Mexico. Duncan Hunter Jr. was also able to get a military organization to help pay the bill, so when they landed in San Diego everything was taken care of.

IF IT WASN'T FOR THE HUNTER'S GIVING THE SLIGHT COMPANY, THEIR PERSONAL GUARANTEE, MY DAUGHTER WOULD'VE SAT IN MEXICO FOR WHO KNOWS HOW LONG WITH SERIOUS MEDICAL ISSUES. ME AND MY FAMILY ARE VERY THANKFUL FOR DUNCAN JUNIOR, AND SENIOR GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND TO GET KATIE BACK HOME. YOU DON'T HEAR A LOT OF POLITICIANS GOING OUT OF THEIR WAY TO HELP THE WAY THE WAY THE HUNTER'S HAVE FOR US

Sincerely: Kelly Malone and Family.
I would hope you would consider this when you make your decision on his punishment.

I believe DUNCAN JR IS A REAL HERO FOR HIS SERVICE IN THE MILITARY, AND A COMPASSIONATE PERSON. FOR WHAT HE DID FOR DAUGHTER.

The Honorable Thomas J. Whelan
United States Courthouse
221 West Broadway
San Diego, CA 92101

Your Honor,

Our names are Chief Edward Gallagher (SOC Retired) and Andrea Gallagher. We are writing this letter on behalf of Duncan Hunter to relay the kind of man he is, how he used his office in congress to help us escape a terrible injustice, and to plea for leniency in his sentencing given his service to the nation in uniform and in congress.

To be as blunt as we can, when Eddie faced charges of war crimes, few would come to our aide. Our family had reached out to a number of congressional offices soliciting help, but few would risk political capitol given the severity of the charges and what seemed like an uphill battle. Duncan, however, never hesitated to lend his help. He put his political capitol and personal career second, and did what the thought was right.

Duncan had seen the types of cases like Eddies' that targeted warfighters before, but mostly he was driven to help because of his experience in combat as a Marine. Few in our society, let alone in congress, know what it is like to fight in war and the tough decisions our men and women in uniform make. It was this shared experience and belief as a brother in arms that inspired Duncan help our family and many, many other military families.

Congressman Hunter's advocacy on our behalf cannot be overstated. We faced a corruption that would see 3 prosecutors relieved for misconduct who are still under investigation to this day. 7 NCIS agents have either resigned or have been reprimanded for their role in denying Eddie his constitutional rights and trying to tip the scales of justice. Simply put, the bureaucracy stacked the deck against us and was more than willing to throw an innocent man in jail. Duncan refused to let this happen and was there every step of the way to try and use the powers of his office to help.

Duncan's advocacy on behalf of our family was not only impactful but also incredibly personal. He fought to ensure Eddie had access to his legal rights, yet also took the time to visit and speak with him during his pretrial confinement. On weeks where Eddie hadn't seen sunlight, was starving or shivering at night, he and his staff would stop by to make sure Ed could step outside, get a blanket, eat a proper meal and be treated like a human. Few stories of Duncan have ever covered his humanity, and the things that continually helped motivate him to serve in politics. We got to see these characteristics personally, and we can tell you that he is a good and decent man who is guided by his desire to help his fellow soldiers.

It is not hyperbole to say that the freedom that we now enjoy today, and the injustice we escaped, was due in part to Duncan's tireless advocacy. He is a man of character, and the mistakes he may have made do not define him nor should they overshadow his activism on behalf of servicemembers and their families.

Lastly, and this is something few people can attest to like our family, but there is already a lasting punishment and consequence to having your trial broadcast in the media spotlight like Duncan's. Though Eddie was acquitted by a jury of his peers, the publicity and media plunged our family directly into the polarized political firestorm that divides our country. We receive death threats, our names and images are slandered on a daily basis, and there may be no end to the amount of bad actors willing to attack us due to the impression they got from the media coverage of our trial. Our lives, our safety, our reputation will never be the same.

Few can understand like our family the incredible weight, the anxiety, the worry that a public trial will force us to carry for the rest of our lives. This, sadly, will likely be true for Duncan and his family as well. There is no leniency for this terrible consequence, and thus we ask that you factor this into the life that Duncan and his family will have to live after his trial, regardless of the sentence.

Duncan has helped countless military families like ours. Please, for his service to our country, for his long record of aiding those who needed it the most, allow Duncan to step away from the spotlight and return to his family.

Sincerely,

Eddie & Andrea Gallagher

Eddie and Andrea Gallagher

Honorable Judge Thomas Whelan,

Please allow me to introduce myself, my name is Jeff Simonides. I am a business owner in East County for over 20 years and have lived in Santee for 37 years with my wife Veronica. I am a volunteer with the State of California Fish & Game Department teaching a course in Hunter Safety. Anyone, whether military or civilian, must pass this course to participate in any type of hunting event.

While at Balboa Hospital giving our Wounded Warriors hunter safety instruction, I was introduced to Duncan D. Hunter. After multiple conversations we embarked on a partnership to create an unforgettable outdoor event for our veterans!

Almost immediately Duncan brought in Don and Carol Floyd who provided a 100 acre ranch in the Imperial Valley as the beautiful outdoor venue for our first hunt. Duncan D. Hunter began this event because he saw the number of our wounded troops at Balboa Hospital continue to rise exponentially. With the help of the Floyd's, many other ranchers in the valley and Duncan's unending dedication to our troops.... the San Diego Wounded Warrior Hunt sponsored by Duncan D. Hunter was born. That was 16 years ago!

Duncan works tirelessly to organize this event while I make sure that any Soldier, Marine, Airman or Sailor including the members of our elite Seal Teams 1, 3, 5 and 7 are qualified to hunt and attend this event, if they so choose. For those veterans that qualify to temporarily leave the hospital, the camaraderie, understanding and love that this event provides can only be experienced in the great outdoors!

This annual event was created to bring an uplifting positive experience to both our warriors and their families. They also get the chance to be together away from the hospital. The planning for the venues, hotels, shotguns, ammunition and even the transportation vans is only the beginning of the event coordination Duncan provides.

This 'Duncan Hunter' sponsored event is an incredible opportunity for the many Wounded Warriors, both male and female, single or married, to have the opportunity to participate at any level they feel comfortable. From the opening day ceremonies, sponsored dinners, dance, awards, Brawley Cattle Call Rodeo to the actual hunting opportunities that occur at different times during the entire event, the wounded veterans can forget their troubles even if it is for only three days! Putting an event this large, this involved, this tailored to our wounded takes an incredible amount of dedication, THAT is Duncan Hunter!

From lodging, food, entertainment and hunter safety training to providing handicap transportation, companionship and four wheel accommodations for our amputee warriors Duncan D. Hunter has been instrumental in making this huge event run smoothly. As a member of Congress Duncan worked exhaustively for our wounded vets and dedicated much of his own personal time to make this special event happen.

Because Duncan was called to Afghanistan after his initial TWO tours to Iraq, his

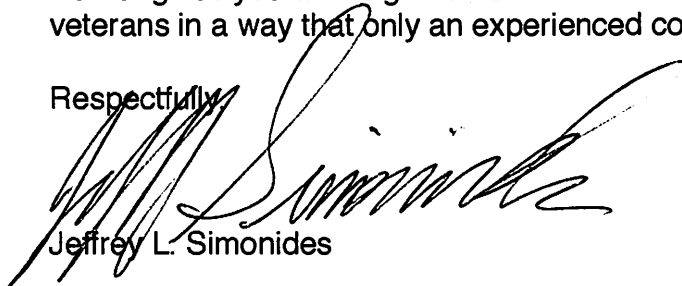
passion to help his fellow veterans is unprecedented. At EVERY event, no matter what, he always invites any veteran attending to talk with him personally. Duncan works tirelessly for them and solves many of their problems within weeks of the initial conversation!

Duncan always believed that being their Congressman was a privilege he would never take for granted. I personally know of several veterans that Duncan hired to work in his office here in San Diego to help them become successful in civilian life. His firsthand understanding of the issues our veterans carry through life because of the service to our country, is remarkable.

His commitment to our troops both personally and professionally reflects Duncan Hunters' true character and goes well beyond the call of duty.

Honorable Judge Whelan, I pray that my firsthand experience working with Duncan D. Hunter gives you an insight to how needed he is to continue to help support our veterans in a way that only an experienced combat veteran Marine can do!

Respectfully,

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Jeffrey L. Simonides

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Proposal for an Alternative to Custody for Duncan D. Hunter

The Honorable Thomas Whelan,

Your honor, as a San Diego businessman who has worked as a volunteer with our Wounded Warriors alongside Congressman Duncan D. Hunter for 10 years, taking our patients at Balboa Naval Hospital for outdoor outings, please allow me to recommend a program for former Congressman Hunter to engage in for the next year that would be beneficial for our wounded veterans, and would provide a public service Mr. Hunter could render.

I am a licensed electrical contractor, based in Santee, California. The electrical trade is presently flourishing, with high paying jobs for experienced electricians.

Many unemployed veterans, if exposed to the electrical trade, could commence their careers in this industry.

These young men and women need an introductory exposure to the basics of electrical wiring.

They could then, if interested, enter full up electrical courses offered by Unions, the government and our educational institutions.

Here is my proposal which I have discussed with former congressman Hunter.

At my office (my residence in Santee), I will construct a "mock-up" stud wall and will provide all the wiring, receptacles and equipment utilized in basic wiring installation jobs.

Mr. Hunter and I will recruit wounded warriors interested in the electrical profession from hospitals, foundations and the general public, as we have recruited outdoor-oriented Veterans for the past ten years.

We will recruit 5 or so veterans per week.

Mr. Hunter and I will lead our veterans through the basic wiring process for several hours each day, until they are competent to complete the wiring of a stud wall, and understand the rudiments of such introductory work.

We will then personally introduce our veterans to the several sponsored trade schools which offer electrical training.

We will stick with each veteran until he completes his particular school and is placed with an employer in the industry.

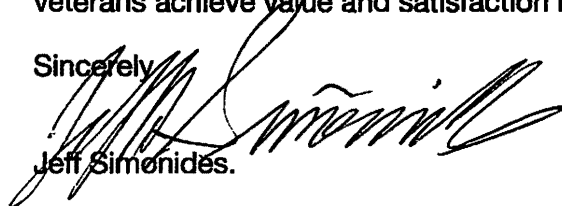
Mr. Hunter and I will consider each veteran a project which is completed only when placements have occurred.

I will give the Court a weekly, monthly and quarterly report on each veteran and Mr. Hunter's participation.

Our goal is to introduce, train and place 100 veterans in a twelve month period.

Please allow me as a citizen to utilize a proven veteran, Duncan D. Hunter to help other veterans achieve value and satisfaction in their careers.

Sincerely,

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Jeff Simonides.

March 8, 2020

March 4, 2020

Re: Duncan D. Hunter

To Whom It May Concern,

We have watched Duncan since 1980 grow up and seeing him become a Man, Family Man, a Patriot, and a Marine.

One thing that made an Impression on us, was the time a congressman hung a picture in the halls of Congress depicting Pigs dressed as Police Officers shooting Civilians in the head. 434 Congressmen and women walked past this picture making their comments. Only Duncan Hunter removed the picture and returned it to the Congressman who hung it. That's the kind of support he has for Law Enforcement, who keep our communities safe, which we greatly appreciate.

He also shows his devotion to his fellow Marine's and all Service men and women.

He participated in fund raisers and had taken Wounded Warriors on sponsored Hunting Trips, such as Dove Hunts.

Duncan helped us for 11 years in our yearly Pheasant Hunts and helped us take 20-30 Wounded service men, women and their family members to Imperial Valley Cattle Call Rodeo, which was a yearly event. The Warriors were able to enjoy a carefree fellowship with old and new friends. His support for Wounded Warriors is very important to them.

Duncan always took time to show his gratitude to the community

for their constant support for all servicemen and women and the sacrifices they have made.

We are proud of Duncan for his Dedication to making our Country a better place for everyone,

**Sincerely,
Don and Carole Floyd**

Don Floyd
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March 7, 2020

To the Honorable Thomas J. Whalen,
US District Court for the Southern District of California:

Re: Personal reference for Duncan Duane Hunter.

My name is Jim W. Baize and I am the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Coronado, CA. I have pastored in the San Diego area since 1973. I first met the Hunter family in 1980 when Duncan Sr. was a candidate for Congress. Duncan Duane attended our church and our elementary school. He was a personal friend of my son's. A few years ago, I had him speak at our high school graduation. He did an admirable job. The Hunter family is an incredible family filled with service to our nation both in the military and in the political realms. Duncan Duane served honorably in Iraq while in the US Marine Corps and represented his district well for several years.

I have been in contact with the entire family (many times with Duncan Duane) ever since 1980 and I know they have all paid a dear price through these present, difficult circumstances. I would ask the court for leniency in the sentencing phase of this ordeal. Having spoken with him, I am certain he regrets some poor decisions he has made.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jim W. Baize, Pastor
First Baptist Church of Coronado
Psalm 37:3-5

DUNCAN HUNTER
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The Honorable Ray Mabus
Secretary of the Navy
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Dear Secretary Mabus:

The decision to name the last of the 14 Lewis and Clark-class cargo ships under construction in San Diego after labor activist Cesar Chavez was brought to my attention yesterday, when I was notified by the Department of the Navy. While it appears the Navy is committed to this decision, with a formal naming ceremony scheduled today, I want to remind you about a great American hero who showed even greater pioneering spirit when he led a team of Marines into a house during combat in Fallujah, Iraq.

Marine Corps Sergeant Rafael Peralta, a Hispanic-American who grew up in Southeast San Diego, was nominated for the Medal of Honor for smothering a grenade with his body, saving the lives of the other Marines who entered the room with him. After examining the forensic evidence, a team of specialists working under the Department of Defense determined that Peralta did not consciously pull the grenade into his body and, as a result, downgraded the Medal of Honor nomination to the Navy Cross—the second highest award for valor in the Marine Corps. Still, the Marines by Peralta's side, as well as his chain-of-command, insist he knowingly pulled the grenade into his body.

Naming the last ship in the Lewis and Clark-class after anyone other than hometown hero Rafael Peralta misses a valuable opportunity to honor the service and sacrifice of a U.S. Marine who was wrongfully denied the Medal of Honor. Even with this class of ships dedicated to visionaries and pioneers, there is no better choice than Sergeant Peralta for his service and sacrifice.

In light of the decision to name a ship after Cesar Chavez, I urge the Navy to give immediate consideration to naming the next available vessel after Marine Corps Sergeant Rafael Peralta.

Sincerely,

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Duncan Hunter
Member of Congress

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Duncan Hunter
U.S. House of Representatives
50th District, California

February 22, 2018

President Donald J. Trump
1600 Pennsylvania Ave
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As you are aware, Broadcom Limited has proposed an acquisition of Qualcomm, a U.S. corporation. Should such an acquisition be made, I request that you direct the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) to investigate the national security implications of this action.

Under the Defense Production Act of 1950, as modified by the "Exon-Florio" provision of 1988, as President of the United States, you have the authority to block foreign acquisitions of U.S. companies where such acquisitions would pose a threat to national security.

The high-speed communication industry is as important to American security today as the steel industry was to the United States during World War II. By acquiring Qualcomm, Broadcom would become the world's third largest chipmaker, controlling a large portion of the supply chain, which is critical to the vital communication components such as Wi-Fi and cellular modem chips. Such a company could, if motivated by a nation or groups not friendly to the United States, compromise critical communications and install lock out features that would prevent U.S. security teams from monitoring mobile data. The potential impacts on U.S. security in critical situations are numerous.

The CFIUS is already reviewing Broadcom's acquisition of Brocade Communications Systems without resolution. Further, Broadcom is expanding strategic collaborations in China, manifested in Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) Agreements with Chinese companies HBC, Inspur and StarTimes. This growing Chinese connection by Broadcom creates the opportunity for China's security agencies to access and utilize Qualcomm's technology in defense-critical situations. Finally, the thousands of Americans who comprise the Qualcomm creative team could lose their jobs or be moved off-shore, which would be a major loss for our nation.

Mr. President, should a deal materialize, I request that you block this sale pending a full security review and investigation. Thank you in advance for your attention to this important matter of national and economic security.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Duncan Hunter
Member of Congress



U.S. Congressman

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TRUMP TALKS QUALCOMM WITH HUNTER DURING SAN DIEGO VISIT

Washington, DC -- President Donald Trump discussed his decision to block a hostile takeover by a foreign-owned company of San Diego-based Qualcomm with Congressman Duncan Hunter (CA-50) yesterday as they inspected wall prototypes on the U.S.-Mexico international border. Congressman Hunter raised national security concerns and outlined the harmful effects to the San Diego job market if the takeover were allowed to take place in separate letters to the President and Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis.

“I got your letter on Qualcomm,” was the first thing the President said to me yesterday when I met him at the border,” said Congressman Hunter. “I thanked the President and his Chief of Staff, General John Kelly, for their leadership on the issue. The President indicated to me that it was important to him not to allow China to obtain Qualcomm technology.”

Utilizing an executive order on Monday, President Trump blocked a bid by Broadcom, a Singapore corporation with extensive ties to China, from acquiring Qualcomm. In both of his letters, Congressman Hunter equated the vital resource of Qualcomm’s communication and technological development to the steel industry during WWII.

“Along with Qualcomm, we obviously discussed border security as a whole,” said Congressman Hunter. “I shared with President Trump and Gen. Kelly that the real existential threat continued to be the detonation of a nuclear device delivered in a cargo container to any of our ports or inland waterways. We need to secure the border and the wall must be built. The fact remains, however, that only one percent of the millions of cargo containers currently coming into the U.S. are adequately inspected for nuclear material or other weapons of mass destruction. I intend to work with the President on this issue.”

Copies of Congressman Hunter’s letters regarding Qualcomm are attached for reference.

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Rep. Duncan Hunter's 2013 Report Card



Representative from California's 50th District

Republican

Served Jan 3, 2013 – Jan 13, 2020

These year-end statistics cover **Hunter's record during the 2013 legislative year** (Jan 3, 2013-Dec 26, 2013) and compare him to other representatives serving at the end of that period. Last updated on Dec 1, 2014. On Dec. 1, 2014, the statistics were updated to remove Sen. Schatz from the list of Senate sophomores. Schatz only served for several days in the preceding Congress.

A higher or lower number below doesn't necessarily make this legislator any better or worse, or more or less effective, than other Members of Congress. We present these statistics for you to understand the quantitative aspects of Hunter's legislative career and make your own judgements based on what activities you think are important.

Keep in mind that there are many important aspects of being a legislator besides what can be measured, such as constituent services and performing oversight of the executive branch, which aren't reflected here.

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Ranked the 2nd top leader compared to **California Delegation**

Our unique leadership analysis looks at who is cosponsoring whose bills. A higher score shows a greater ability to get cosponsors on bills.

For more, see [our methodology \(/about/analysis#leadership\)](/about/analysis#leadership). Note that because on this page only legislative activity in 2013 is considered, the leadership score here may differ from Hunter's score elsewhere on GovTrack.

Compare to all [California Delegation \(/congress/members/report-cards/2013/house-state-delegation-ca/leadership\)](/congress/members/report-cards/2013/house-state-delegation-ca/leadership) (96th percentile); [House Republicans \(/congress/members/report-cards/2013/party-house-republican/leadership\)](/congress/members/report-cards/2013/party-house-republican/leadership) (85th percentile); [Safe House Seats \(/congress/members/report-cards/2013/house-safe-seat/leadership\)](/congress/members/report-cards/2013/house-safe-seat/leadership) (92nd percentile); [All Representatives \(/congress/members/report-cards/2013/house/leadership\)](/congress/members/report-cards/2013/house/leadership) (92nd percentile).

Ranked 4th most conservative compared to **California Delegation**

Our unique ideology analysis assigns a score to Members of Congress according to their legislative behavior by how similar the pattern of bills and resolutions they cosponsor are to other Members of Congress.

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Got their bills out of committee the 5th most often compared to **California Delegation** (tied with 1 other)

Most bills and resolutions languish in committee without any action. Hunter introduced **2** bills in 2013 that got past committee and to the floor for consideration.

Those bills were: [H.R. 1497: War Memorial Protection Act \(/congress/bills/113/hr1497\)](/congress/bills/113/hr1497); [H.R. 2463: Target Practice and Marksmanship Training ... \(/congress/bills/113/hr2463\)](/congress/bills/113/hr2463).

Compare to all [California Delegation \(/congress/members/report-cards/2013/house-state-delegation-ca/bills-reported\)](/congress/members/report-cards/2013/house-state-delegation-ca/bills-reported) (89th percentile); [House Republicans \(/congress/members/report-cards/2013/party-house-republican/bills-reported\)](/congress/members/report-cards/2013/party-house-republican/bills-reported) (72nd percentile); [Safe House Seats \(/congress/members/report-cards/2013/house-safe-seat/bills-reported\)](/congress/members/report-cards/2013/house-safe-seat/bills-reported) (82nd percentile); [All Representatives \(/congress/members/report-cards/2013/house/bills-reported\)](/congress/members/report-cards/2013/house/bills-reported) (83rd percentile).

Got bipartisan cosponsors on the **6th highest % of bills** compared to **All Representatives**

In this era of partisanship, it is encouraging to see Members of Congress working across the aisle. **76%** of Hunter's 17 bills and resolutions had both a Democratic cosponsor and a Republican cosponsor in 2013.

Compare to all [California Delegation \(/congress/members/report-cards/2013/house-state-delegation-ca/bills-with-cosponsors-both-parties\)](/congress/members/report-cards/2013/house-state-delegation-ca/bills-with-cosponsors-both-parties) (90th percentile); [House Republicans \(/congress/members/report-cards/2013/party-house-republican/bills-with-cosponsors-both-parties\)](/congress/members/report-cards/2013/party-house-republican/bills-with-cosponsors-both-parties) (95th percentile); [Safe House Seats \(/congress/members/report-cards/2013/house-safe-seat/bills-with-cosponsors-both-parties\)](/congress/members/report-cards/2013/house-safe-seat/bills-with-cosponsors-both-parties) (97th percentile); [All Representatives \(/congress/members/report-cards/2013/house/bills-with-cosponsors-both-parties\)](/congress/members/report-cards/2013/house/bills-with-cosponsors-both-parties) (96th percentile).

Only Members of Congress who sponsored more than 10 bills and resolutions are included in this statistic.

Got bicameral support on the **10th most bills** compared to **House Republicans**

(tied with 8 others)

The House and Senate often work on the same issue simultaneously by introducing companion bills in each chamber. **4** of Hunter's bills and resolutions had a companion bill in the Senate. Working with a sponsor in the other chamber makes a bill more likely to be passed by both the House and Senate.

Those bills were: [H.R. 833: To amend title 10, United ... \(/congress/bills/113/hr833\)](/congress/bills/113/hr833); [H.R. 1186: To posthumously award the Congressional ... \(/congress/bills/113/hr1186\)](/congress/bills/113/hr1186); [H.R. 1937: Student Right to Know Before ... \(/congress/bills/113/hr1937\)](/congress/bills/113/hr1937); [H.R. 2463: Target Practice and Marksmanship Training ... \(/congress/bills/113/hr2463\)](/congress/bills/113/hr2463).

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Companion bills are those that are identified as "identical" by Congress's Congressional Research Service.



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HUNTER INTRODUCES LEGISLATION BENEFITING MILITARY FAMILIES

****** Measure Addresses Technical Loophole in Military Insurance Program ******

Washington, DC -- Congressman Duncan Hunter (CA-50) today introduced the Fulfilling Obligations to Families of the Fallen Act, ensuring military families are aware when changes are made to their coverage involving Servicemembers Group Life Insurance (SGLI). Currently, military members are enrolled in SGLI automatically, however, there exists very weak notification requirements when changes are made to the policy or service members decline coverage.

Circumstances have arisen where the surviving family members of deceased active-duty personnel did not learn that the service member had declined insurance coverage until after their death. Consequently, military spouses expecting insurance benefits learn at the worst time possible that those benefits do not exist. Congressman Hunter's legislation will improve the process by requiring active duty members and their spouses to submit a notarized document acknowledging any changes or declined coverage regarding their SGLI policy.

"This is a common-sense and necessary solution to ensure that our military families have all the resources they need during the most difficult of times," said Congressman Hunter. "As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I have tried on several occasions to offer an amendment to the annual defense bill to fix this ongoing problem, only to receive pushback from the House Veterans Affairs Committee because of a political turf battle. It is for this reason that I am introducing a stand-alone bill with the hope we can actually have some movement on correcting this problem which has gone on for too long."

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While SGLI is technically a defense program, its oversight is carried out by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the House Veterans Affairs Committee has been insistent that any changes regarding VA policy go through their jurisdiction. To date, the House Veterans Affairs Committee has taken no action on the issue.

“I am introducing this legislation with the expectation that it will be referred to the House Veterans Affairs Committee and I am calling on them to expedite their consideration and move quickly. Personally, I don’t care how it’s done, I just want to see it done. Our military families of fallen service members deserve better than politicians bickering over who should actually fix a problem which causes great harm.”

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**REPS. HUNTER AND PETERS INTRODUCE WATER BILL
CRITICAL FOR SAN DIEGO REGION**

Washington, DC – San Diego Congressman Duncan Hunter (CA-50) and Scott Peters (CA-52) led efforts to introduce bipartisan legislation today cosponsored by the entire San Diego congressional delegation that will provide regulatory flexibility to the local San Diego region in its water management efforts. H.R...., the....., amends the Ocean Pollution Reduction Act (OPRA) authorizing a waiver from certain regulatory obligations to the City of San Diego regarding its Point Loma Wastewater Treatment plant.

“This legislation is an important part of our region’s ongoing effort to become less reliant on outside sources for our water,” said Congressman Hunter. “Granting this waiver will benefit water management efforts throughout San Diego County and recognizes the investment ratepayers have made through their local water departments to make our communities more self-sustaining. Our congressional delegation, in cooperation with local agencies and public advocacy groups, are working as a team to ensure that San Diego continues making progress in this critical area.”

OPRA outlines the regulations for wastewater discharged into the ocean. Specifically, it requires a secondary treatment for any solids released into marine waters and requires updates of water infrastructure programs throughout the United States. Water agencies and municipalities can be eligible for waivers from some of these environmental requirements if their programs meet certain benchmarks. The City of San Diego has met these requirements through ongoing water conservation and monitoring programs, as well as building two water treatment facilities to supplement its Point Loma Wastewater Treatment plant, the primary location for ocean discharge for the Metropolitan sewer system. These new facilities have the capacity of treating 240 million gallons of water per day, resulting in a consistent reduction in discharge flows into the ocean since 1995.

With this waiver, the City of San Diego will be in a position to supplement these current efforts by fully implementing its Pure Water potable reuse program, thereby directing wastewater flows away from the Point Loma facility and producing potable water. Local partners in this effort include Padre Dam Municipal Water District, Helix Water District and the City of El Cajon, which have also collaborated to create a new local water supply through their East County Advanced Water Purification Program.

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Doing Right by Those on Veterans Day

By Congressman Duncan Hunter

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Veterans Day is an opportunity to recognize and remember the sacrifices our military men and women and their families have made in the service of our country. As a Marine Corps veteran, I believe it is also important to recognize the many challenges these individuals face when transitioning out of the military and returning to the workforce.

To assist with this transition, Congress has increased our Veterans Affairs (VA) GI Bill to be the most generous our warriors have ever seen. While many veterans aspire toward a conventional college classroom education, some prefer employment opportunities in the manufacturing and skilled trade labor fields. Unfortunately, an unnecessary bureaucratic process is preventing many California veterans from being able to utilize their hard-earned VA GI Bill benefits while receiving the necessary certifications and training that provides for a successful return to the workforce.

Before disbursing VA GI Bill educational benefits, a school or training facility must receive certification by each individual State Approving Agency. In our case, this is the California Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE). This certification ensures that the programs are properly accredited and our veterans are not subjected to predatory practices.

These precautions are obviously necessary. According to the VA, however, the process for vetting trade schools in California can take almost twice as long as those in other states. Even more frustrating is there is no apparent explanation why. California veterans cannot move forward with their post-military service plans and utilize the benefits for which they earned simply because the BPPE cannot perform its review process in the same timeframe as other states do successfully. This is the very definition of bureaucracy.

For example, the Workshops for Warriors in San Diego is a unique program working toward two objectives: helping Veterans receive the necessary education to obtain gainful employment and, at the same time, restoring a much-needed workforce to our nation's manufacturing sector.

This program has proudly maintained a job placement rating of above 90 percent since 2008. Unlike college graduates with political science or other traditional degrees that do not have immediate prospects for employment after graduation, Workshops for Warrior graduates have a starting median salary of \$60k a year after just 16 weeks of training. This program, and its founder, Herman Luis y Prado, have received numerous awards including the White House Champion of Change Award by President Obama in 2012 for their remarkable efforts and success.

Unfortunately, Workshops for Warriors has been patiently waiting for over three years while the BPPE conducts its audit and, for a reason that has yet to be explained, will probably have to wait another three years until it is finally completed. All the while, the veterans who attend this program receive no VA GI Bill

benefits. This means no tuition assistance, no basic allowance for housing (BAH) and no license fee or certification cost reimbursement.

Due to that fact that the program requires full time classroom attendance, most of the veterans attending the school have no other source for income to pay for housing while attending. Conversely, a full-time student veteran in a traditional school would have paid tuition and fees, a book allowance, and a monthly housing stipend. The men and woman of our Armed Forces represent the very best of America. Excluding our California veterans from opportunities simply because of bureaucratic red tape is unacceptable. Especially when it is a problem that can be easily fixed.

It is for this reason that I will be asking my California colleagues, both Republican and Democrat, to join me in sending a letter to Governor Brown requesting that he review and reprioritize the BPPE's auditing process. This will allow manufacturing and skilled trade schools with an outstanding record of service, such as Workshops for Warriors, to receive VA eligibility and allow their student veterans to receive VA GI Bill benefits. Veterans Day is more than remembering our veterans; it is doing right by them.

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