



SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON
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The Honorable Tammy Duckworth
United States Senator
524 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Duckworth:

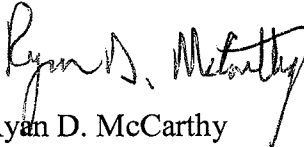
Thank you for your July 8, 2020, letter requesting an immediate, comprehensive review of Army regulations, policies, and procedures governing the initial response to reports of a missing Soldier. I share your concerns and recommendations.

The Headquarters, Department of the Army Provost Marshal General is currently conducting a major review of Army Regulation 190-45 (Law Enforcement Reporting) to ensure it complies with Federal statutes and Department of Defense policy. I will have them include the concerns and recommendations you raised as part of their review.

Moreover, the Department of the Army will expand the Provost Marshal General effort to include a comprehensive review of all of the regulations, policies, and procedures governing the response to a report of a missing Soldier. The review will consider methods for leveraging partnerships with other Department of Defense agencies, civilian law enforcement, universities, and other appropriate organizations. Through this review, we intend to examine the responsibilities and processes articulated in these policies in order to ensure that appropriate oversight and reporting procedures are in place.

My priority is to ensure the safety of our Soldiers. Having proper policies and procedures in place to account for and protect our Soldiers is an integral part of this responsibility. Thank you for your support of our Army.

Sincerely,


Ryan D. McCarthy