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General Mark A. Milley
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Dear Gen. Milley:

News stories abound about the decline in enrollment in the armed forces, yet conditions worsen by the day. I am at the point where I don't believe there is a sincere effort to increase the troop level. Indeed, I believe that there are some in high places who have their own agenda.

I am writing because of the latest scandal in the armed forces. The Navy is featuring a drag queen, a man dressed as a woman, to recruit new members. He misidentifies himself as "non-binary."

It does not matter that this is a pilot program—the Navy would never allow a pilot program featuring a white sailor in black face. Everyone knows what's going on. That this is happening in the wake of the Bud Light catastrophe makes me wonder whether the elites in the armed forces live in the real world.

A Navy spokeswoman is quoted as saying that this effort is being undertaken "to reach a wide range of potential candidates as the Navy navigates the most challenging recruiting environment it has faced since the start of the all-volunteer force."

That person is either stupid or lying. We all know why the Army, Navy and Air Force missed their recruitment goals by the thousands this year; the Marines held steady. It's because these branches have adopted the policies of the far-left, the woke brand of politics. As such, they have gone off the rails, alienating millions of Americans. If someone sought to deliberately sabotage the armed forces, he could not do a better job.

With regard to the Navy, what normal man or woman would want to join an organization that hires the mentally challenged, or worse, to recruit new members? As I indicated, this is not an accident.

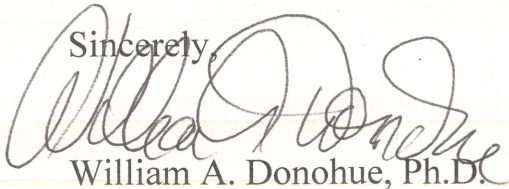
We are being played, plain and simple. What has happened to the armed forces? Do you think real men buy into this insanity?

Catholics are overrepresented among those in uniform. As president of the nation's largest Catholic civil rights organization, and as an Air Force veteran, I am outraged that this morally debased campaign is taken place.

Please get back to basics and stop with these deliberate efforts to politicize the armed forces. Trying to sexually engineer our troops is bad enough, but to express shock that recruitment levels are down—when drag queens are used as model recruiters—is insulting and offensive.

You are in a position to affect change. Please seize this moment.

Sincerely,



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President

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