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Dear Reserve Organization of America,

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks for your steadfast support and partnership with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. For more than 100 years, ROA has played a vital role in providing meaningful resources to individual service members and their families. ROA's petitions for increased educational opportunities, accessibility to home loans, and the broadening of health insurance coverage, to name just a few, have led to significant improvements in the lives of so many Reserve Marines. Healthier service members enable a stronger, more resilient, and ready Marine Corps Reserve.

In addition to supporting individual Marines and their families, ROA's robust legislative advocacy has been critical in maintaining a strong Marine Corps Reserve and producing tangible change. One of the most meaningful accomplishments has been the recent success in securing funds for the Marine Corps Reserve through the National Guard and Reserve Equipment Appropriations (NGREA). These funds, which Congress appropriates directly to the Reserve Components, are crucial in allowing the Marine Corps to achieve near parity with the Active Component and more successfully fulfill their role as a force multiplier within the Total Force. I am confident that we can continue this success in securing additional NGREA funding to enable the Marine Corps Reserve to adequately equip our Reservists and Reserve units.

I applaud your recent decision to extend your service to a broader community of Reservists. ROA has made a critical difference in the lives of countless Reserve Marine officers in the past. Your organization's new commitment and dedication to Marine Reservists of *all ranks* now opens the door to assistance for many more. I am truly grateful for your unwavering commitment to all our Reserve Marines, and I wish you the best in your endeavors.

Semper Fidelis,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "DOR", with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

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