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VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

The Honorable Kristi Noem
 Secretary
 Department of Homeland Security

Admiral Kevin E. Lunday
 Commandant
 U.S. Coast Guard

Dear Secretary Noem and Admiral Lunday:

Since 2010, the Coast Guard has been required by law to submit annual reports to Congress that report cases of sexual assault or sexual harassment involving service members.¹ These reports are important because they inform Congress of these cases and aid in our duty to help eliminate sexual assault and sexual harassment within the Coast Guard.²

On January 14, 2026, the Governmental Accountability Office (GAO) released a report titled, *Coast Guard: Actions Needed to Ensure Complete and Timely Reports to Congress Regarding Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment*.³ GAO found that in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 report to Congress, the most recent available report, the Coast Guard failed to fully provide all statutorily required information.⁴ Specifically, of the 11 statutorily required elements to be included in the Coast Guard's annual reports, the agency fully responded to five elements, partially responded to four, and failed to respond to two elements.⁵ Additionally, federal law requires that these reports must be submitted to Congress no later than January 15 of each year.⁶ According to GAO, the reports for 2023, 2024, and 2025 have not been submitted.⁷ As a result, GAO made two recommendations, both of which the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) concurred with.⁸ To date, both recommendations remain open.⁹

¹ 14 U.S.C. § 5112; *see also*, *Coast Guard: Actions Needed to Ensure Complete and Timely Reports to Congress Regarding Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment*, U.S. Government Accountability Office, (Jan. 14, 2026) <https://www.gao.gov/products/gao-26-108571>.

² *Coast Guard: Actions Needed to Ensure Complete and Timely Reports to Congress Regarding Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment*, U.S. Government Accountability Office, (Jan. 14, 2026) <https://www.gao.gov/products/gao-26-108571>.

³ *Id.*

⁴ *Id.* Congress received the FY22 report in FY24.

⁵ *Id.* Coast Guard partially included: Number of substantiated cases of sexual assault, synopsis of each substantiated case of sexual assault, and the disciplinary action taken in each substantiated case of sexual assault. Coast Guard did not include: Synopsis of each substantiated claim of sexual harassment, and all victim reporting requirements.

⁶ 14 U.S.C. § 5112.

⁷ *Coast Guard: Actions Needed to Ensure Complete and Timely Reports to Congress Regarding Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment*, U.S. Government Accountability Office, (Jan. 14, 2026) <https://www.gao.gov/products/gao-26-108571>; The report covering fiscal year 2023, was due on January 15, 2024. The report covering fiscal year 2024, was due on January 15, 2025, and the report covering fiscal year 2025, was due on January 15, 2026. Email between Committee staff and GAO confirmed that the reports remain delinquent.

⁸ *Id.*

⁹ *Id.* Recommendation 1: The Commandant of the Coast Guard should ensure that annual sexual assault and sexual harassment reports address all required elements, including requirements that have changed since the prior report. Recommendation 2: The Commandant of the Coast Guard should ensure that annual sexual assault and sexual harassment reports are issued on time.

We must do everything we can to stop sexual harassment and assault in our government. Accordingly, so that Congress may conduct independent oversight and ensure compliance with the law, provide answers to the following questions no later than February 24, 2026:

1. What steps have DHS and the Coast Guard taken to close the open recommendations from the January 14, 2026, GAO report? Provide all records.¹⁰
2. Why has the Coast Guard failed to provide Congress with the annual reports from fiscal years, 2023, 2024, and 2025? Describe in detail.
3. How many incidents of sexual assault and sexual harassment occurred against members of the Coast Guard in Fiscal Year 2025? Of those, how many were committed by members of the Coast Guard? Describe in detail and provide all records.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, please contact Ethan Barnes on my Committee staff at (202) 224-5225.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Grassley
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary

¹⁰ "Records" include any written, recorded, or graphic material of any kind, including letters, memoranda, reports, notes, electronic data (emails, email attachments, and any other electronically created or stored information), calendar entries, inter-office communications, meeting minutes, phone/voice mail or recordings/records of verbal communications, and drafts (whether they resulted in final documents).