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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Protection Act

Dear Senator Feinstein,

The San Diego Military Advisory Council (SDMAC) is a not-for-profit 501(c)(6) organization established in 2004 to advocate on behalf of the military, their families, and veterans in the San Diego region. SDMAC's advocacy efforts include working with our community business leaders and elected officials to improve their understanding of the important contributions made by the military. SDMAC is proud to be part of a community that embraces our active duty and veterans.

SDMAC strongly supports the Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Protection Act.

While SDMAC also supports the ability of our Service Chiefs to plan for many possible events, we are supportive of efforts focused on keeping the Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD) in San Diego. In December, 2021 MCRD San Diego will mark the 100th anniversary of the commissioning of the Marine Corp's permanent base in San Diego, and they have become part of the fabric of our local community. MCRD San Diego delivers Basic Training for nearly 18,000 young men and women recruits each year, while also providing local jobs and bringing in 60,000 tourists each year as family members and guests attend the recruit graduation ceremonies. San Diego is proud to be so closely aligned with the Marine Corps.

Please contact me at 619-299-3762 or ceo@SDMAC.org if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Mark Balmert
President & CEO