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Senator Diane Feinstein
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Senator Mark Warner
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Senator Kamala Harris
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Senator Tim Kaine
231 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein, Senator Warner, Senator Harris and Senator Kaine,

On behalf of the 350,000 members of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), I am writing to thank you for introducing S. 703 Ensuring Safe Housing for Our Military Act. This important piece of legislation ensures servicemembers and their families living in privatized government housing have protections from health and safety hazards. Improving and sustaining quality of life for military families is an enduring goal for MOAA.

The media reports and personal testimony from military spouses have been eye opening. We appreciate your efforts to ensure these substandard housing conditions, and lack of oversight by the Department of Defense and public-private partners, are corrected.

Our association has been actively involved in making sure these military spouses were heard on this issue. We collected stories of those affected and submitted their issues to the DoD's Military Family Readiness Council and their senior leaders. We also provided a statement for record to the Senate Armed Services Committee detailing the history of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative and some of the challenges, along with recommendations for a way forward. This legislation is an important step in the right direction to hold both our government and public-private partners accountable for the conditions of the homes and the standards of services they provide.

We all want our servicemembers and their families to feel safe in their homes. I appreciate your leadership on this issue and pledge MOAA's full support of S.703.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dana T. Atkins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the letter "s".