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Dear **Congressman/Congresswoman (for Representatives)**  
**Senator (for Senators)**

I am writing to request your support of H.R. 2670 - National Defense Authorization Act includes SEC.. 599B, "Study on Services by Neurodivergent Individuals in the Department of Defense."

This will require the Secretary of Defense to enter into an agreement with a federally funded research and development center to evaluate how the Secretary can maximize the talent of neurodivergent populations and remove barriers to recruiting and retaining this population.

The current Department of Defense Instruction 6130.03, Volume 1 and Volume 3 highlight autism spectrum disorder as a disqualifying condition and ADHD as a condition which must be manageable without medication. This policy prevents recruitment of potential service members at a time when the DoD struggles to meet recruitment goals.

**(I am an autistic service member) or (I am a service member with autism/ADHD/dyslexia) who has served in the United States (Air Force/Army/Marines/Navy/Space Force) for (X) years.**

Neurodivergent individuals provide critical and unique talents. By modifying DoD policies and practices to employ, and retain, neurodivergent individuals, we can enhance combat effectiveness against strategic threats.

Please consider supporting this provision in order to ensure that neurodivergent individuals **(,like myself,) and others in my family who want to serve,** may enter into military service.

Respectfully,

**Your name**