



## Senate Hispanic Caucus

July 2, 2020

Dear U.S. Senators and Texas Congressional Delegation,

We are writing to you today on behalf of the family of PFC. Vanessa Guillen. We stand alongside the Texas House of Representatives in urgently requesting an independent congressional investigation into PFC. Guillen's death and the United States Army's handling of the matters in the aftermath of her disappearance. Additionally, we request that this independent congressional investigation be expanded to ensure other individuals, who have similar claims, are able to have these claims investigated without fear of retaliation.

As many reports have been issued regarding PFC. Guillen's disappearance, we have witnessed the anguish of her friends and family. As members of the Texas Senate, we too share in their pain. PFC. Guillen was last seen on April 22 in a Fort Hood parking lot in Killeen, Texas. PFC. Guillen's family has spent months pleading with military officials to assist them in locating PFC. Guillen. While her remains were found, the circumstances surrounding her disappearance have not been thoroughly reviewed.

Moreover, we are both extremely concerned and dismayed that PFC. Guillen had expressed to her mother that she felt unsafe at Fort Hood and that a sergeant had been sexually harassing her. We have learned from Congresswoman Sylvia García's press conference on Tuesday June 23, 2020, that the Army is convinced there was "foul play" involved in PFC. Guillen's disappearance.

PFC. Guillen was willing to make the ultimate sacrifice for her country. PFC. Guillen and her family deserve the respect and dignity that the United States of America promises their soldiers. We are joining PFC. Guillen's family in requesting transparency from the U.S. Army surrounding her disappearance, sexual harassment claims, ongoing investigation, and the investigation for other individuals who have similar claims. PFC. Guillen and her family deserve full transparency and justice. We appreciate your attention to this matter, and are available to discuss any items mentioned above.

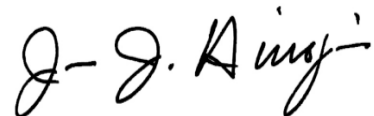
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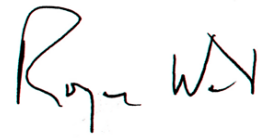
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