

To the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

As the ranking general officer in the United States military, and as advisor to the Secretary of Defense and the President, you hold the power to help lift a burden from the backs of more than 130,000 servicemen and women who currently reside on military bases nationwide.

At 290 of these military bases, Breed Specific Legislation (BSL) bans the ownership of dozens of safe dog breeds and it's based on junk science, without an ounce of continuity between military bases. I could have a dog at one base, receive orders to another, and then be required to give it away or send it to a shelter, which is a painful proposition for not just the soldier themselves, but their family.

I hope that you are different from others in your position who might say, "It's the military. Leave your dog at home." For which I, and many other rational Americans would reply that home is where your family is. And for soldiers living in base housing with their families, home is right where they are. No different than President Biden's Champ and Major who would be classified as a BSL on a several military installations.

To further exacerbate the problem of BSL, it perpetuates a continuing cycle of dog death. As shelters become overcrowded, they have no choice but to send these "legally unadoptable" animals to kill-shelters to be euthanized.

And instead of allowing young military families to adopt these animals and giving life to an innocent animal, they are barred from taking part in challenging the narrative that the acts of dogs are removed from the man who taught him.

But if that was true, and it really is "the breed" not "the owner" then why does each branch of the service have special penalties for the soldier whose dog misbehaves?

As a caring American soldier, I know you are extremely humble to hold your position, and that's why I humbly ask you to do something for the good of our military everywhere, and end the outdated BSL rules that plague every military base in America.

Respectfully and Humbly signed,



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