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Dear Coast Guard Veteran:

Thank you for your service to the U.S. Coast Guard and the Nation.

During the COVID-19 Pandemic, active duty and reserve service members who refused the COVID-19 vaccination mandate were discharged. I understand you were one of those service members impacted.

On 27 January 2025, President Trump issued an Executive Order: *Reinstating Service Members Discharged Under the Military's COVID-19 Vaccination Mandate*. The next day, Secretary of Homeland Security Noem issued a directive: *Restoring United States Coast Guard Servicemembers*.

I invite you to rejoin the U.S. Coast Guard to resume your service. If you are able and want to rejoin, we welcome you back. We have a place for you.

If you decide to rejoin and are eligible for reinstatement you may be entitled to back pay, benefits, bonus payments, and/or compensation.

Please send an email to the U.S. Coast Guard's Return2Service Team at the following address: smb-comdt-return2serviceinquiries@uscg.mil, providing your name and best contact information.

We will contact you and help you navigate the process to return to service. I thank you for your service, and for your patience. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K. E. Lunday".

Kevin E. Lunday, Admiral
Acting Commandant
U.S. Coast Guard