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Honorable John McCain, Chairman
Senate Committee on Armed Services
SR-228 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman McCain:

The American Legion is the nation's largest patriotic veteran's service organization, made up of over two million wartime veterans. As there currently exists no officially recognized national moment of silence specifically dedicated to the memories of the service of our veterans past, present and future, The American Legion is proud to support the Kirk moment of silence amendment to the FY16 National Defense Authorization Act.

The American Legion finds it fitting and appropriate that a coordinated moment of silence, recognized in every state and territory of The United States, at the exact time every year further cements our unity as a nation. It demonstrates our respect for those who have worn the uniform of this nation, and for their families and loved ones who have made those sacrifices right alongside of them. The American Legion's Resolution No. 35, passed by the National Executive Committee in May meetings in the year 2000, expresses support "for a National Moment of Remembrance and encourages all Americans to pause for a moment of silence."

The American Legion applauds this effort, and we thank you and your colleagues for your work on the behalf of the men and women in uniform and for your attention to this important matter.

Respectfully,

MICHAEL D. HELM
National Commander