

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

October 13, 2022

The Honorable Frank Kendall, III
Secretary of the Air Force
1670 Air Force Pentagon
Washington, DC 20330-1670

General Daniel R. Hokanson
Chief of the National Guard Bureau
111 South George Mason Drive
Arlington, VA 22204

The Honorable Denis R. McDonough
Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Ave NW
Washington, DC 20571

Dear Secretary Kendall, General Hokanson, and Secretary McDonough:

We write out of concern regarding the personnel military records of Lieutenant Colonel Jennifer-Ruth Green, USAF, that were leaked to Politico.¹ We are gravely concerned about the security and privacy of the records of Lt Col Green and all service members.

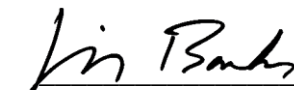
Lt Col Green's official personnel records, including an account of a sexual assault, were leaked as an apparent attack against her congressional campaign. It is illegal for personnel records to be leaked, and we are concerned that the military has allowed a personal attack on a service member for political aims. We request a written response to understand how Lt Col Green's records could be leaked:


- Who has access to Lt Col Green's personnel records?
- How were these records shared with Politico?
- Will there be an investigation into the leak and if so, when will the results be publicly available?
- How will you prevent personnel record leaks in the future?

It is critically important that service members trust that their personnel records will not be used against them in political attacks. A politicized military cannot uphold the trust of our service members and would discourage our warfighters – current and retired – from running for public office.

We appreciate your urgent attention to this matter and request a written response by October 21, 2022.

Sincerely,


Jim Banks
Member of Congress


Larry Bucshon, M.D.
Member of Congress

¹ Wren, Adam. "Jennifer-Ruth Green's Surprising Flight Plan to Win in a Democratic District." *Politico Magazine* (October 7, 2022). <https://www.politico.com/news/magazine/2022/10/07/shes-black-and-conservative-in-a-democratic-district-is-she-about-to-take-off-politically-00060703>