

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CAUCUS

October 25, 2023

Admiral Linda L. Fagan
Commandant of the Coast Guard
U.S. Coast Guard
2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE
Washington, D.C. 20593

Dear Admiral Fagan,

We write today in regard to the extremely troubling report from CNN that under the leadership of Commandant Karl L Shultz the US Coast Guard covered up an investigation known as Operation Fouled Anchor. That investigation, which was hidden from the public and Congress for four years, revealed a history of sexual misconduct at the Coast Guard Academy from the late 1980s to 2006. This included more than sixty substantiated incidents of sexual misconduct.

As members and leaders of the Democratic Women's Caucus, we are committed to addressing violence against women in all its forms. In this regard, our caucus requests a briefing on Operation Fouled Anchor, the effort to hide the Fouled Anchor report, and next steps.

We look forward to hearing from you on this urgent matter.

Sincerely,



Lois Frankel
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