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The Honorable [Representative's Name]
[Office Address]

Dear [Senator/Representative] [Last Name],

I am writing to share the personal impact that recent changes and uncertainty surrounding the recognition and accommodation of minority faiths within the United States military have had on me and my community.

As a Pagan, my faith is not simply a belief system—it is an integral part of who I am. It shapes my values, guides my decisions, and provides me with comfort, purpose, and connection. Knowing that my religion may be viewed as less worthy of recognition or protection than others has left me feeling unseen, marginalized, and uncertain about whether my constitutional rights will continue to be respected.

The effects extend beyond policy. They affect my sense of belonging, my confidence that I will be treated fairly, and my trust that I can openly practice my faith without fear of exclusion or discrimination. When protections for minority faiths appear to be weakened or called into question, it sends a message that people like me matter less because of our beliefs.

This uncertainty has also affected my community. Friends, families, clergy, veterans, and service members have expressed fear, frustration, and concern about what these changes could mean for their ability to worship openly, receive equal accommodations, and have their faith recognized with the same dignity afforded to others.

I am sharing my experience because I want decision-makers to understand that these policies affect real people. They affect our ability to feel safe, included, and respected while living, working, serving, and contributing to our communities.

I ask that those responsible for shaping these decisions remember that religious freedom belongs to everyone—not only those whose beliefs are familiar or widely practiced. Equal protection under the law should mean equal protection for all faiths.

Thank you for taking the time to hear my story and consider the human impact these decisions have on individuals and families like mine.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]