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Subject: Stop Following and Lead!!!
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Dear Sir,

I request that you provide a copy of this e-mail to members of the BOV tomorrow and that it be added to the public record.

Thank You,

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Members of the BOV,

I learned today of the remarks made by the group Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program (VMSDEP) Friends at today's Executive Committee meeting. Reading their letters, it is deeply troubling that the VMI leadership has yet again failed show leadership in such an important matter. From eleven "top Democrats" besmirching the fine reputation of VMI with the lie of structural racism to now showing contempt for our men and women who have been "killed or seriously disabled" in service to our nation, the VMI response has fallen well short.

If the goal is to educate and train cadets to be leaders, then I strongly encourage you to lead by example and stop taking the path of "followers." Support this resolution that has be submitted to you by this courageous group of individuals.

Respectfully,

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