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Military Association of Atheists & Freethinkers
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Dear Military Association of Atheists and Freethinkers,

I am currently conducting a religious climate review of the United States Air Force Academy. My review is not an investigation or a compliance inspection, but rather an independent look at the overall religious climate at the Air Force Academy. I am conducting my review at the request of the Honorable Daniel B. Ginsberg, Assistant Secretary for Manpower and Reserve Affairs (SAF/MR).

To assist in my review, I am inviting interested organizations to provide me any information or materials relevant to the religious climate at the Air Force Academy. If your organization has such information, please send it to me at: USAFA/RCRT@usafa.edu. This email address has been established by my Religious Climate Review Team and is only accessible by members of my team. I will be finalizing my review in mid-April and ask that any materials be provided, if at all possible, by 1 April 2011. If extra time is needed, please let me know.

Additionally, if your organization knows of any current Air Force Academy permanent party members (e.g., faculty or staff) or cadets who would like to share their thoughts and personal experiences about the religious climate at the Air Force Academy, please encourage those individuals to talk with us. In addition to numerous interviews and group discussions with random cadets and permanent party, my team and I will hold open walk-in times at the Academy during the week of 28 March to 1 April 2011. Information will be sent directly to cadets and permanent party notifying them of the times and locations of these walk-in opportunities.

Anyone who speaks with us may do so in confidence. Upon the request of the individual, we will not disclose – either by name or uniquely identifying facts – the identity of individuals with whom we meet. We sincerely hope this confidentiality will encourage individuals to come forward and discuss their personal experiences concerning the Academy's religious climate.

I look forward to reviewing any materials your organization provides to this very important effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'PK Gamble', written in a cursive style.

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