To: President Obama and the U.S. Congress

We the undersigned, petition President Barack Obama and the U.S. Congress to right a serious wrong that displays a lack of support for the POW/MIA issue from all wars and conflicts.

On December 18, 2000, the Dept. of Defense issued Directive 1300.18 which eliminated the status/designation Prisoner of War (POW) for captured American Service Personnel, replacing it with the "domestic" and ambiguous designation Missing/Captured (MIA-C) or "Duty Station Unknown".

The lack of action by Congress to correct this misguided step, displays a lack of respect for and provides insult to our service personnel, and the families and loved ones who feel this loss along with the American People, which includes many Veterans who fully are led to believe that American Policy is that nobody will be left behind, and will accept no less.

Accordingly we are asking you to "direct the Department of Defense to recognize and designate as "Prisoner of War" (POW) not "Missing/Captured" (MIA-C) any member of the U.S. Armed Forces, paramilitary, militia, U.S. citizens employed by any U.S. agency, or under U.S. Government contract, who are captured and held against his/her will."

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