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Mr. Dominic Mancini
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Dear Mr. Mancini:

Sexual assault in the military adversely affects the health, performance, and operational readiness of Service members. Preventing sexual assault with tailored prevention training that addresses individual risks is likely to be an effective approach. The Department of Defense (DoD) Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office (SAPRO) requires information on the effectiveness of a tailored prevention program that address both sexual assault and substance misuse among Service members.

The Naval Health Research Center (NHRC), in collaboration with RTI International and San Diego State University, is conducting a study to modify and evaluate an existing sexual assault prevention program for U.S. Air Force Academy members when combined with an alcohol misuse prevention tool. An additional aim of this study involves formative research, specifically focus groups, interviews, and a brief survey, to address the need for adaptations to the program to ensure its relevance for additional settings and Service members.

The information collection titled, "Formative Research for the Adaptation of a Risky Drinking and Sexual Assault Prevention Program", (0703-NSAP), corresponds to the formative research aim of the overall study. NHRC will recruit a convenience sample totaling 84 volunteer participants from participating Navy and Marine Corps bases, as well as from the U.S. Military Academy. Participants will include Service members, cadets and staff from their sexual assault and alcohol misuse prevention programs. The formative research proposed by NHRC to gain feedback on the program from Service members and prevention staff is an effective means for gathering the required information, which will lay the groundwork for future adaptation and integration of the programs for additional settings and Service member audiences.

This work is essential in the development and evaluation of tools to maximize the efficacy of the DoD's response to the problem of sexual assault in the military, and as such, it aligns with the FY21–FY25 DoD SAPRO Research Agenda. The data-informed recommendations for adaptation will be actionable steps used in follow-on work to advance the reach and efficacy of the program, adding to the tools available to the DoD to combat sexual assault.

DoD SAPRO supports this research and NHRC will report the results of the information collection to DoD SAPRO, in the form of a final report.

Sincerely,

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