

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3303

September 29, 2021

The Honorable Carlos Del Toro
Secretary of the Navy
1000 Navy Pentagon
Washington, D. C. 20350-1000

Dear Mr. Secretary,

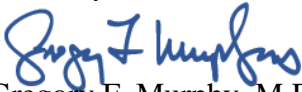
We have been receiving numerous constituent inquiries as to the status of Lieutenant Colonel (LtCol) Stuart Scheller, USMC. As you know, LtCol Scheller has direct ties to our states. He resides in NC-03, which is also home to about 42,000 plus Marines and Sailors. He is also from OH-02, and his family still resides there. Therefore, we respectfully request to receive a full accounting of his status as soon as you are able to provide it. Please answer the below questions.

1. Have charges been preferred against LtCol Scheller?
2. If so, when were those charges preferred?
3. What articles of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) is LtCol Scheller accused of violating?
4. What is the justification as to why LtCol Scheller is in pretrial confinement?
5. Why were lesser forms of constraint deemed not adequate?
6. Has LtCol Scheller been assigned legal counsel through Defense Service Offices (DSO)?
7. Are you aware of whether LtCol Scheller has been afforded the opportunity to obtain civilian legal counsel?
8. Please clarify the schedule of when and where his hearings will be held.


In addition to a written response to these questions, we would also like to request a briefing from the appropriate USMC and/or Navy staff to discuss the ongoing matter.

Many thanks for your prompt response to our request.

Sincerely,


Gregory F. Murphy, M.D.
Member of Congress (NC-03)


Brad R. Wenstrup, D.P.M.
Member of Congress (OH-02)


Richard Hudson
Member of Congress (NC-08)

Cc: Commandant of the Marine Corps