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**Washington, D.C.**—After discussing the Navy’s interest in resubmitting Marine Corps Sergeant Rafael Peralta’s Medal of Honor (MoH) nomination with Secretary of the Navy (SecNav) Ray Mabus, Representative Duncan Hunter today presented the SecNav with evidence previously unavailable to investigators. A copy of Representative Hunter’s letter to the SecNav is available [here](#) .

“I’m grateful that Secretary Mabus will review the evidence that reinforces the seven eye-witness accounts, medical evidence and thorough examination by the Marine Corps, all indicating that Sergeant Peralta saved the lives of his fellow Marines at the cost of his own life,” said Representative Hunter, a Marine combat veteran of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.