

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 4802

To prohibit the use of Federal funds to close or realign the Marine Corps
Recruit Depot located at Parris Island, South Carolina.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 19, 2020

Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina) introduced the
following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on
Armed Services

A BILL

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the Marine Corps Recruit Depot located at Parris Island,
South Carolina.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Parris Island Protec-
5 tion Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The Marine Corps Recruit Depot located at
9 Parris Island, South Carolina (in this section re-

1 ferred to as “Parris Island”), has served the United
2 States as a home to the Marine Corps since 1891.

3 (2) Parris Island was the first, and remains the
4 only, facility to integrate women in boot camp train-
5 ing for the Marine Corps in the United States.

6 (3) Female recruits have trained at Parris Is-
7 land since 1949.

8 (4) The first integrated company of male and
9 female recruits graduated from Parris Island in
10 2019.

11 (5) Parris Island has cultivated a legacy of ex-
12 cellence and faithful service to the United States.

13 (6) Parris Island is and shall remain the phys-
14 ical home of the U.S. Marine Corps Eastern Re-
15 cruiting Region.

16 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION OF CLOSING OR REALIGNMENT OF**
17 **MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT LOCATED**
18 **AT PARRIS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA.**

19 No Federal funds may be used to close or realign Ma-
20 rine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina,
21 or to conduct any planning or other activity related to
22 such closure or realignment.

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