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The Honorable Carl Levin
Chairman
Committee on Armed Services
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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(J) My staff is available to provide additional information or briefings. A similar letter is being sent to the other congressional defense committees.

Sincerely,



Michael D. Lumpkin

Enclosure:
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cc:
The Honorable James M. Inhofe
Ranking Member

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