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Letters: Sen. Feinstein on drone strikes

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Re "Coming clean on drones," Opinion, May 6

Doyle McManus raised some excellent questions about congressional oversight of U.S. drone strikes.

The Senate Intelligence Committee, which I chair, has devoted significant time and attention to the drone program. We receive notification with key details shortly after every strike, and we hold regular briefings and hearings on these operations. Committee staff has held 28 monthly in-depth oversight meetings to review strike records and question every aspect of the program including legality, effectiveness, precision, foreign policy implications and the care taken to minimize noncombatant casualties.

The committee has received answers to McManus' questions and many more, including the process for selecting targets and approving strikes. I have insisted on this oversight, and the committee has been satisfied with the results.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein

(D-Calif.)

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