



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
WASHINGTON DC 20310

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The Honorable Carl Levin  
Chairman  
Committee on Armed Services  
United States Senate  
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

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