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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Chairman
Subcommittee on Defense
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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Enclosure:
As stated

cc:
The Honorable Thad Cochran
Vice Chairman





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