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The Honorable John P. Murtha  
Ranking Minority Member, Subcommittee on Defense  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-6018

Dear Mr. Murtha

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