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The Honorable James M. Inhofe  
Chairman  
Committee on Armed Services  
United States Senate  
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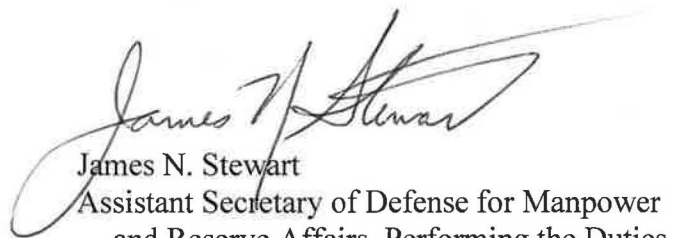
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Sincerely,

  
James N. Stewart  
Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower  
and Reserve Affairs, Performing the Duties  
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cc:  
The Honorable Jack Reed  
Ranking Member



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