The Honorable Ken Calvert  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Defense  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Calvert:

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The Honorable Peter J. Visclosky
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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin  
Vice Chairman  
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