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The Honorable Thad Cochran Chairman Subcommittee on Defense Committee on Appropriations United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As requested in House Report 114-577, page 273, accompanying H.R. 5293, the Department of Defense Appropriations Bill, 2017, and Senate Report 114-263, page 192, accompanying S. 3000, the Department of Defense Appropriations Bill, 2017, the following is the status of the fiscal year (FY) 2016 Defense Health Program (DHP) designated one percent carryover funds.

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The DHP O&M one percent carryover authority continues to provide the capability to address unanticipated emergent funding shortfalls during the FY. Examples of the use of carryover funds in previous FYs include private sector healthcare, support to our Wounded Warriors, as well as sustainment, restoration, and modernization of the Military Health System components' medical facilities. The carryover authority continues to support our Service members and their families.

Thank you for your interest in the health and well-being of our Service members, veterans, and their families. A similar letter is being provided to the other congressional defense committees. Preparation of this report cost the Department of Defense a total of approximately \$300 in FY 2017.

Sincerely,

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