February 9, 2018

The Honorable John McCain III
Chairman, Committee on
  Armed Services
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510-0303

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Ranking Member
The Honorable Mac Thornberry  
Chairman, Committee on  
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House of Representatives  
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Vice Chairman
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The Honorable Kay N. Granger
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House of Representatives
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