**Place on “SECRETARY OF DEFENSE” Letterhead**

## **(Use 12 point Times New Roman)**

Top line of letter should be 1.75 inches from top of paper

The Honorable Jayne C. Smith

Chairman

Committee on Armed Services

United States Senate

Washington, DC 20510

Indent first line of a paragraph ½ inch

Left and right margins should be 1 inch

Dear Madam Chairwoman:

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that page, and only carry a paragraph over to the next page if you have at least two lines on that page.

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Sincerely, (begin at center of page, 1 blank

line from last line of text)

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Enclosure(s):

(Title of enclosure or As stated)

(1 blank line below enclosure or signature block)

cc:

The Honorable John B. Smith

Ranking Member