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4000 DEFENSE PENTAGON
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301-4000

MAY 11 2026

The Honorable Roger F. Wicker
Chairman
Committee on Armed Services
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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Sincerely,



Sean O'Keefe
Deputy Under Secretary of War for Personnel
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cc:
The Honorable Jack Reed
Ranking Member



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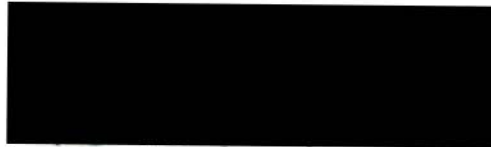
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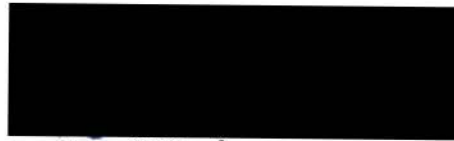
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