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September 13, 2013

The Honorable Ernest Moniz
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave. SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Moniz:

I am writing to request information regarding the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE) fellowship program. The program came to my attention as the Subcommittee was preparing for a hearing on POW/MIA accounting. At the hearing, I learned that the Joint Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Accounting Command (JPAC), a component of the Department of Defense, relies heavily on ORISE fellows to accomplish its mission, and that a significant portion of what JPAC pays for fellows goes toward the program's overhead.¹

In order to assist the Subcommittee in its oversight of the ORISE fellowship program, I request that you provide the following information and documents:

- (1) The purpose of the fellowship program;
- (2) Memoranda of Understanding or other agreements between Oak Ridge and the Department and any other federal agencies relating to the ORISE fellowship program;
- (3) Information sufficient to show the Department's funding of the fellowship program;
- (4) Appropriations and obligations for the program from 2003 to 2013;
- (5) Costs associated with the program to the Department; and,
- (6) Payments made to the Department from Oak Ridge and/or other federal agencies associated with placement of fellows.

I request that you provide this information to the Subcommittee as soon as possible, but in no case later than, **October 4, 2013**. If you determine that you will be unable to make a

¹ Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight, *POW-MIA Accounting*, 113th Cong. (Aug. 1, 2013).

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complete production by this date, please contact Subcommittee staff to discuss possible modifications to this schedule.

The jurisdiction of the Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight is set forth in Senate Rule XXV clause 1(k); Senate Resolution 445 section 101 (108th Congress); and Senate Resolution 64 (113th Congress). An attachment to this letter provides additional information about how to respond to the Subcommittee's request.

Please contact Sarah Garcia with the Subcommittee staff at (202) 224-5602 with any questions. Please send any official correspondence relating to this request to Kelsey_Stroud@hsgac.senate.gov.

Sincerely,



Claire McCaskill
Chairman
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Enclosure