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The Honorable Claire McCaskill
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator McCaskill:

Thank you for your July 21, 2014, letter to the Secretary of Defense regarding increased accountability for, and transparency in, the costs associated with the Department's use of contractors. Please be assured that the Department of Defense is committed to improving our collection and utilization of service contract data.

We are gathering the information necessary to provide a comprehensive response to each of the eight questions set forth in your letter. We plan to provide you a final response no later than August 29, 2014.

Thank you again for your continued support of these important efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephanie Barna".

Stephanie Barna
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