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The Honorable Robert Gates
Secretary of Defense
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

We are writing to invite you or your designee to testify before the Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight at a hearing entitled, "Contracts for Afghan National Police Training." The hearing will be held on Wednesday, March 24, 2010 at 2:30 P.M. in Room SD-342 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. This will be the third in a series of hearings held by the Subcommittee on oversight of the government's contracts in Afghanistan.

The purpose of the hearing is to examine Defense Department and State Department contracts for police training in Afghanistan. The hearing will examine the management and oversight of these contracts, including the State Department's Civilian Police (CIVPOL) Program contract in support of the Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan (CSTC-A). The hearing will also address concerns raised in recent reports by agency Inspectors General. In addition, the hearing will review the transfer of the acquisition of supplies and trainers for the Afghan police from the CIVPOL contract to existing contracts administered by the Defense Department's U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command Counter-Narcoterrorism Technology Program Office (CNTPO).

Your testimony should address the management, oversight, and funding of police training contracts in Afghanistan. In particular, you should address the joint report of the Defense Department Inspector General and the State Department Inspector General entitled, *DOD Obligations and Expenditures of Funds Provided to the Department of State for the Training and Mentoring of the Afghan National Police*. You should also discuss what steps have been taken to address the concerns raised in the report, as well as the challenges created by joint administration and responsibility over such contracts. In addition, your testimony should address the planned transition to the CNTPO contract vehicle, including the Department's plans to ensure that the process is as competitive, efficient, and transparent as possible.

To assist the Subcommittee in preparing for this hearing, we request that you provide a briefing for Subcommittee staff on these issues **by no later than Thursday, March 11, 2010**. We also request that you provide copies of the following documents relating to contracts for police training in Afghanistan **by no later than Tuesday, March 16, 2010**:

1. The CIVPOL and CNTPO contracts and all relevant task orders, amendments, modifications, or renewals;
2. All cure notices and responses to such cure notices; and

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3. All evaluations or audits of the contractor's performance conducted by government officials, the contractor, or third parties, including quarterly or periodic program performance reviews.

The jurisdiction of the Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight is set forth in Senate Rule XXV clause 1(k); Senate Resolution 445 section 101 (108th Congress); and Senate Resolution 73 (111th Congress). An attachment to this letter provides additional information about how to respond to the Subcommittee's request.

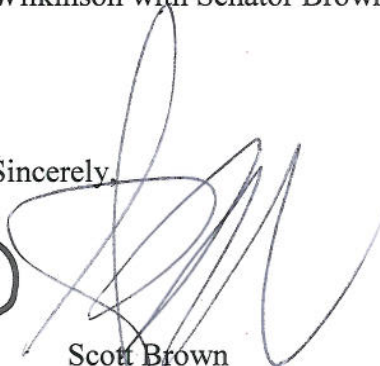
The Subcommittee requests that you summarize your testimony in 5 minutes, although a longer written statement may be submitted for the official record. This will allow adequate time for you to engage in questions and answers with members of the Subcommittee. **Subcommittee rules require that your testimony be submitted by no later than 2:30 P.M. on Monday, March 22, 2010.** Please send an electronic copy of your written statement and a brief one page biography to Subcommittee Clerk, Kelsey Stroud, at [Kelsey Stroud@hsgac.senate.gov](mailto:Kelsey.Stroud@hsgac.senate.gov).

We look forward to your participation. Please contact Alan Kahn with Senator McCaskill's Subcommittee staff at (202) 224-3230 or Molly Wilkinson with Senator Brown's Subcommittee staff at (202) 228-3141 with any questions.

Sincerely,



Claire McCaskill
Chairman
Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight



Scott Brown
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