



COST ASSESSMENT AND  
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The Honorable Claire McCaskill  
Chairman, Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight  
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman McCaskill:

Thank you for your January 9, 2014, letter to the Secretary of Defense concerning improvements to the Department of Defense's personnel accounting community. Since DoD's Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation (CAPE) office is conducting an evaluation of the community, I have been asked to respond on Secretary Hagel's behalf.

At this time, CAPE's assessment is pending Secretary Hagel's review and guidance. Subsequent to those, we will schedule a time to brief your Subcommittee staff on our evaluation.

The Department is serious about addressing the challenges facing this community and is committed to complying with the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014.

A similar response is being sent to Senator Ayotte.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott A. Comes", is written over a faint, larger signature.

Scott A. Comes  
Deputy Director, Program Evaluation  
Performing the Duties of the Director

cc:

The Honorable Ron Johnson  
Ranking Member