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Washington, DC 20548

March 12, 2014

The Honorable Claire McCaskill
Chairman, Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
United States Senate

Dear Madam Chairman:

Thank you for your letter of February 4, 2014, jointly signed by Ranking Member Charles E. Grassley, Senate Committee on the Judiciary, requesting that the Government Accountability Office review the Department of Defense Inspector General's oversight of whistleblower reprisal investigations conducted by inspectors general of the military services.

GAO accepts your request as work that is within the scope of its authority. We plan to initiate an engagement shortly. Your request has been assigned to Ms. Cathleen A. Berrick, Managing Director, Defense Capabilities and Management. As applicable, we will also be in contact with the cognizant Inspector General's office to ensure that we are not duplicating efforts. If an issue arises during this coordination, we will consult with you regarding its resolution.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Berrick at 202-512-3404 or berrickc@gao.gov, or Mr. Timothy L. Minelli, Assistant Director, Congressional Relations, on my staff at 202-512-8443 or minellit@gao.gov.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katherine Siggerud".

Katherine Siggerud
Managing Director
Congressional Relations

cc: The Honorable Ron Johnson
Ranking Member

Ms. Margaret Daum

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