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The Honorable John M. McHugh
Secretary of the Army
Department of Defense
101 Army Pentagon
Washington, DC 20318-9999

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We are writing to invite witnesses from the Department of the Army to testify before the Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight at a hearing entitled, "Waste and Abuse in Army Sponsorship and Marketing Contracts." **The hearing will be held on Thursday, May 8, 2014, at 3:00 p.m. in Room SD-342 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.**

The purpose of the hearing is to examine reports of waste and abuse in Army National Guard sponsorship and marketing contracts. In particular, the hearing will examine reports that National Guard spending on sponsorship and marketing contracts has been associated with abuse by National Guard officials. The hearing will also examine the effectiveness of National Guard spending on sponsorships and marketing programs, particularly sports-related sponsorships and marketing. The hearing will also examine a forthcoming Army Inspector General report on the Army's Recruiting Assistance Program, which was administered by the same Army office that administers sponsorships.

The witnesses' testimony should describe Army National Guard sponsorship and marketing programs, including their history, purpose, costs, and effectiveness. The witnesses' testimony should also discuss past abuses of the sports sponsorship programs and marketing contracts, and any measures implemented to address them. Finally, the witnesses' testimony should discuss the findings and recommendations of the forthcoming report by the Army's Office of the Inspector General on the Army's Recruiting Assistance Program.

The Subcommittee requests that witnesses summarize their testimony in 5 minutes, although a longer written statement may be submitted for the official record. This will allow adequate time for witnesses to engage in questions and answers with members of the Subcommittee. **Subcommittee rules require that all testimony be submitted by no later than 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 6, 2014.** Please send official correspondence relating to this invitation, including an electronic copy of the witnesses' written statement and a brief one page biography for each witness, to Subcommittee Clerk Kelsey Stroud at Kelsey_Stroud@hsgac.senate.gov.

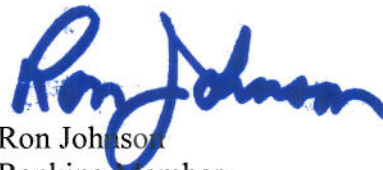
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Please contact Jackson Eaton with Senator McCaskill's Subcommittee staff at (202) 224-6579 or Michael Howell with Senator Johnson's Subcommittee staff at (202) 228-0653 with any questions.

Sincerely,



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