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Good afternoon Chairman Snyder, Ranking Member Akin and distinguished members of the Subcommittee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on the commitment of the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence (USD(I)) to the Joint IED Defeat Organization (JIEDDO).

I am Tom Matthews, the Director of Warfighter Requirements and Evaluations within the Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Joint and Coalition Warfighter Support. I have been associated with JIEDDO since July 2004, when the Deputy Secretary of Defense approved the establishment of an Army-led Joint Integrated Process Team to harness the expertise of all military services to combat the number one killer of American troops—Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs). Today, OUSD(I) continues to provide oversight of JIEDDO for the purposes of ensuring that JIEDDO receives appropriate intelligence, resources, and security on matters relating to IED defeat. The USD(I) has representatives on every level of JIEDDO body that reviews and recommends approving funds for acquiring new and/or sustaining existing counter-IED initiatives.

My boss, Army LTG Richard Zahner, is a voting member on the Senior Resource Steering Group (SRSG) and I am a member of the JIEDD Integrated Process Team (JIPT). Over the years, as JIEDDO has evolved and matured, I have seen much value added in its efforts to unravel IED networks, counter the devices themselves, and train US forces to face the latest threats.

We must continue to have a focused effort if we are to continue to gain advantages in this form of asymmetric warfare. I am pleased to be here to answer your questions regarding intelligence support to JIEDDO.