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Honorable Chet Edwards
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Honorable Zach Wamp
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Edwards and Ranking Member Wamp:

It is with deep sadness and a troubled heart that I write to you with regard to the disturbing revelations about Arlington National Cemetery. This hallowed ground is not only to be a final resting place for our honored fallen, but it is also a place to bring closure to their families. There is no room for error in this mission and the level of negligence is almost beyond comprehension. My sympathies for the families are only matched by my level of anger at those responsible for allowing these problems to occur.

This situation demands the fullest accountability and I applaud Secretary McHugh's actions in dismissing the Cemetery's leadership and appreciate his candor in apologizing to the families as a first step in rectifying the situation. Congress must also do its part and as we serve together on the Appropriations Subcommittee of jurisdiction, I strongly urge you to schedule hearings on this matter at the earliest opportunity. We need to make right the situation for the aggrieved families and more importantly, we need to ensure something like this never happens again.

With best wishes and personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

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C. W. Bill Young
Member of Congress

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