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October 29, 2010

The Honorable Arnold Fields  
Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction  
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Dear Gen. Fields:

We are writing to invite you to testify before the Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight at a hearing entitled, "Oversight of Reconstruction Contracts in Afghanistan and the Role of the Special Inspector General." The hearing will be held on Thursday, November 18, 2010 at 2:30 P.M. in Room SD-342 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. This will be the fourth in a series of hearings held by the Subcommittee on oversight of government contracts in Afghanistan.

The purpose of the hearing is to examine the role of the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR) in providing independent oversight of reconstruction contracts in Afghanistan. The hearing will review SIGAR's recent audits and investigations, including findings and recommendations. The hearing will also assess SIGAR's effectiveness at preventing and detecting waste, fraud, and abuse of taxpayer dollars. In addition, the hearing will examine lessons learned from the experiences of other Inspectors General involved in the oversight of contingency contracting.

Your testimony should address SIGAR's mission and your leadership of the organization. Your testimony should also address the recent review by the Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE), which found a number of deficiencies in SIGAR's operation and performance, including a failure to meet applicable minimum standards for conducting investigations. You should also be prepared to discuss the decision by SIGAR to award a \$95,000 contract to Joseph Schmitz to be an "independent monitor" of SIGAR's performance.

The Subcommittee requests that you summarize your testimony in 5 minutes, although a longer written statement may be submitted for the official record. This will allow adequate time for you to engage in questions and answers with members of the Subcommittee. **Subcommittee rules require that your testimony be submitted by no later than 2:30 P.M. on Tuesday, November 16, 2010.** Please send an electronic copy of your written statement and a brief one page biography to Subcommittee Clerk, Kelsey Stroud, at [Kelsey\\_Stroud@hsgac.senate.gov](mailto:Kelsey_Stroud@hsgac.senate.gov).

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We look forward to your participation. Please contact Alan Kahn with Senator McCaskill's Subcommittee staff at (202) 224-3230 or William Wright with Senator Brown's Subcommittee staff at (202) 228-2186 with any questions.

Sincerely,



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