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The Honorable Claire McCaskill
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
United States Senate
442 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator McCaskill:

Thank you for reaching out to ask for our input on recent legislation to improve the acquisitions process at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). In the last few years, DHS has instituted significant reforms to the acquisition process and has exerted significant leadership to gain control over an unruly and wasteful process. However, these significant reforms, if not continuously enforced over time, could be undone.

We believe the passage of four bills under consideration by Congress, the *DHS Acquisition Review Board Act of 2017* (S. 886), the *DHS Multiyear Acquisition Strategy Act of 2017* (S. 887), the *DHS Acquisition Authorities Act of 2017* (S. 902), and the *Reducing DHS Acquisition Cost Growth Act* (S. 906), will help DHS solidify the gains made in the discipline, accountability, and transparency of its acquisition program management.

Please call me with any questions, or your staff may contact Diana Shaw or Rachel Magnus, Office of Legislative Affairs, at (202) 254-4100.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Roth".

John Roth
Inspector General