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Mr. Sopko,

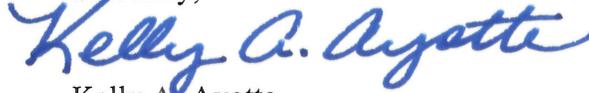
As Chair of the Senate Armed Services Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee, I want to thank you for testifying before my subcommittee on January 20, 2016, regarding the activities of the Task Force for Business and Stability Operations (TFBSO) in Afghanistan. In just five years, TFBSO spent almost \$640 million, and serious questions have been raised about the task force's stewardship of those funds. I applaud your efforts to understand how and why our money was spent and what results we received for our investments. We must answer these questions to avoid similar mistakes in the future and to ensure the Department of Defense (DoD) serves as a responsible steward of our taxpayer dollars.

Following up on my requests in the hearing, I write to formally request a financial audit that examines all funds appropriated to, obligated by, or disbursed by TFBSO in Afghanistan. Additionally, please conduct a performance audit of all TFBSO programs and activities in Afghanistan.

I would welcome periodic updates from SIGAR to my personal office staff on the progress of the financial and performance audits. Please do not hesitate to let me know if I can do anything to support SIGAR's important work.

Thank you for your distinguished service to our country.

Sincerely,



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Chair, Senate Armed Services
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