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Mr. Scott Bousum
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Dear Mr. Bousum:

This letter confirms our invitation to you to testify at a hearing of the Personnel Subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services Committee on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, at 2:30 p.m., in Room SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building. The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on the Fiscal Year 2017 Department of Defense Personnel Programs. Enclosed with this letter is the hearing notice, stating the names and titles of the other witnesses also invited to testify with you.

The Committee seeks your views and testimony to explore details about the Department of Defense Fiscal Year 2017 personnel program budget and legislative submissions. Particularly, the Committee is interested in learning about the following: (1) Your priorities for the coming fiscal year to maintain quality-of-life and quality-of-service for servicemembers and their families; (2) Force of the Future proposals and impacts on readiness and the budget; (3) military healthcare reform; (4) recruitment and retention; (5) suicide prevention and response; (6) sexual assault prevention and response; and (7) the current state of readiness of each Service.

As a non-governmental witness, you are not required to submit a statement, but if you would like to submit a written statement prior to the hearing, please do so in electronic format (Microsoft Word). Please provide letter-sized copies of any charts or handouts for distribution to Members and staff. Your staff should contact Ms. Samantha Clark at (202) 224-8265 or Mr. Jon Clark (202-224-8753) of the Committee staff to resolve any questions you may have in preparing for this hearing.

We look forward to your testimony.

Sincerely,



Kirsten Gillibrand
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