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The Honorable Adam Smith
Chairman, HASC
2216 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Subject: Recommendation for NDAA for FY 2022 Chairman's Mark

Dear Chairman Smith:

I have been advocating that the HASC reintroduce a provision that was rejected by the Senate last year per the NDAA for FY 2021 Conference Report. I finished reviewing the draft markups from the TAL and RDY Subcommittees and am disappointed that my recommendation fell through the cracks. Please provide a remedy in your markup. The missing provision follows:

SEC. 1745. REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO PROGRAM AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT.

(a) STANDARDS FOR PROGRAM AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT.—Section 503(c)(1)(D) of title 31, United States Code, is amended by striking “consistent with widely accepted standards” and inserting “in accordance with standards accredited by the American National Standards Institute”.

Your support for the change was expressed in last year's committee report, as follows:

The committee notes that this review and plan should facilitate implementation of the portfolio management structure the Department has already undertaken. As the Department works to streamline and improve the defense acquisition system, American National Standards Institute (ANSI)-accredited standards should be a main source for policy updates and guidance around program management. The committee encourages working toward closing any gaps between current Department policy and the ANSI-accredited standards to streamline disparate delivery methods into a common delivery platform that drives consistent performance across the Department and its industrial base while ensuring compliance with Office of Management and Budget Circulars A-11 and A-119 and Public Law 114-264.

As a reminder, please read the attached letter to you, subj: NDAA Excludes Your Most Game-Changing Provision for Program and Project Management, dated Dec. 12, 2020.

Also, for additional background and corroboration, please contact Andrew Hunter who was nominated to be Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics. When he was a staffer to Ike Skelton, he helped me to insert a provision with similar objectives into the Chair's Markup. It was passed.

Yours truly,

