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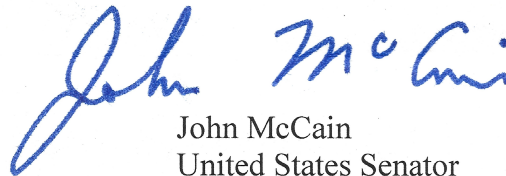
Dear Mr. Solomon,

I want to thank you for your letter concerning the cost over runs and mismanagement of the F-35 Program. As you are aware we have worked hard in the previous years at reigning in excessive cost growth and holding manufacturers responsible for their performance. Acquisitions reform is one of the top priorities of the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress.

The need to reform the Department of Defense acquisitions process is universally acknowledged. Since 1949 numerous studies have been conducted with varying recommendations and degrees of success. The past decade has brought new challenges to the responsiveness and length of the process. Our focus of effort for this Congress will be to provide accountability and arrest the growth in cost and schedule. We must do this in order to achieve a sustainable future for government acquisitions.

Again, I appreciate your continued efforts in working to improve our acquisitions process. Feel free to contact my staff at (202)224-2235 with further information.

Sincerely,



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United States Senator