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The Honorable Jackie Speier
HASC
2216 Rayburn House Office Building
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Subject: Addendum to Request to Resubmit HR 6395, Sec. 1745

Dear Representative Speier:

Earlier today, I asked you to reintroduce HR 6395, Sec. 1745, Requirements Relating to Program and Project Management (P/PM). Subsequently, I discovered that you had reintroduced the bipartisan Billion Dollar Boondoggle Act, legislation that would also increase transparency and accountability in large-scale government projects.

While the two bills have similar objectives, passage of Sec. 1745 would actually be more effective and important to the taxpayer because it will enable *early detection* of programs that are likely to become \$1 billion or more over budget. The use of a P/PM standard that is ANSI-accepted and owned by the Project Management Institute (PMI) is preferred to the sham, Earned Value Management System (EVMS) standard that is owned by the NDIA, EIA-748. EIA-748 enables contractors to defer reporting of true cost overruns and to avoid early disclosure of pending Nunn-McCurdy breaches.

It is an interesting side note that the Billion Dollar Boondoggle Act was originally introduced by Sen. Ernst, also the sponsor of the PMIAA, and that your Sec. 1745 mark up enhances the PMIAA. It is also relevant that provisions of the Billion Dollar Boondoggle Act were originally introduced by Henry Waxman in the Clean Contracting Act of 2007. Please see my letters to Chairman Waxman in 2007 and 2008 and his response of July 10, 2007.

It is an unfortunate tribute to the military-industrial complex that problems that I discussed with Chairman Waxman in 2007, with Ike Skelton in 2010, and with Chairman McCain during 2011-2016 (including the DoD Report to Congress required by WSARA) have not been resolved. The resultant legislation that was passed required reports, not effective reform. I hope that you take up the mantle that was left by Sen. McCain.

Yours truly,



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