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Chairman Mac Thornberry  
House Armed Services Committee  
2216 Rayburn Office Building  
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Ranking Member Adam Smith  
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Dear Chairman Thornberry and Ranking Member Smith:

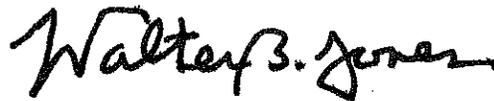
Every month, America throws another \$4.8 billion of taxpayers' hard-earned money down the rat hole that is Afghanistan. That's on top of the \$110 billion we have already spent on Afghan reconstruction – an amount that, when adjusted for inflation, is greater than that spent on the entire Marshall Plan effort to rebuild Europe after World War II. Inspector General John Sopko's list of the waste, fraud and abuse of that money is massive and growing by the day.

As bad as that is, last week the New York Times ran a story entitled: "U.S. Soldiers Told to Ignore Sexual Abuse of Boys by Afghan Allies." The article details the pervasive sexual abuse of children by Afghan police officers that are funded by U.S. taxpayers and trained by the U.S. military. Many of these incidents occurred on U.S. military bases in Afghanistan. The American soldiers and Marines who witnessed these attacks were directed by superiors to "look the other way because it's their culture." U.S. service members who intervened and confronted Afghan child abusers faced discipline, and even career ruin. What is worse, the Pentagon's directive to ignore the rape of defenseless children on U.S. military bases appears to have led directly to the murder of three U.S. Marines.

The Pentagon's abetting of pedophilia is as sickening as it is illegal. America has always been a beacon of decency, but by continuing to defend this policy, our military leaders are surrendering our moral authority.

This situation demands the oversight of the House Armed Services Committee. I strongly encourage you to convene a hearing on this matter as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress

