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The Honorable James Mattis
Secretary Of Defense
1000 Defense Pentagon, U. S. Department of Defense
Washington, D. C. 20301-1000

Dear Mr. Secretary,

As you and I are both aware, no one has done a better job bringing light to the waste, fraud, and abuse of tax dollars in Afghanistan than Mr. John Sopko. His leadership as the Special Inspector General on Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR) for the past five years has been exceptional. Thanks to Mr. Sopko and his team, the U.S. Congress has been provided with invaluable reports on the recurring waste in Afghanistan, many we could not get from the Department of Defense or congressional committees. In summary, their work has given the American people the transparency it needs regarding our ongoing conflict in Afghanistan.

That is why I am supportive of Senator Patrick Leahy's efforts to declassify SIGAR's report on the rampant pedophilia among high-ranking Afghan military and police leaders. I, like Senator Leahy, believe the American people must know the entire truth about this horrific issue.

Sir, I have, and continue to admire your service to this country. Your years in the U.S. Marine Corps are unparalleled, and your integrity and credibility are beyond reproach. For that reason, I believe that you more than anyone can see why this report must be released. The American people deserve to know the extent of the sexual abuse committed by Afghanistan leaders, whom are ultimately funded by the American taxpayers. After 16 years and over \$1 trillion dollars spent in Afghanistan, how can we not allow the taxpayers to know the truth about how their money is being spent?

Thank you again for your time and consideration, Secretary Mattis. I hope you will support our efforts to bring transparency and sunshine to the American people on this tragic issue.

Sincerely,

Thank you!

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Cc: Senator Leahy; Mr. John Sopko