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Senator Claire McCaskill
Office of U.S. Senator for Missouri
United States Senate
Hart Senate Office Building, Suite 506
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Claire:

I was pleased to see that you were successful in including provisions in S. 3254 that would mandate necessary reforms in wartime contracting rules and practices. Importantly, these reforms would apply to the Department of Defense, the Department of State and the U.S. Agency for International Development, all of which are responsible for managing billions of dollars in contracts in support of operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. These reforms are in the spirit of Missouri's own Harry Truman, who, as you know, famously went after war profiteers during World War II while serving in the United States Senate. I sincerely hope your wartime contracting reforms are preserved as the House and Senate engage in conference negotiations on the Defense Authorization bill.

Good work.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ike Skelton', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ike Skelton
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