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December 10, 2019

The Honorable Mark T. Esper
Secretary of Defense
U.S. Department of Defense

The Honorable Paul C. Ney, Jr.
General Counsel
U.S. Department of Defense

Subject: *U.S. Department of Defense—Withholding of Ukraine Security Assistance*

On November 25, 2019, we sent you a letter requesting factual information and your legal views regarding the withholding of security assistance funding for Ukraine during fiscal year 2019. The letter requested your response by December 9, 2019.

We have not received a response. Please confirm whether you intend to respond and, if so, please provide the date on which you expect to transmit a response to us. This is your opportunity to provide information and legal views that we may consider as we carry out our statutory responsibilities under the Impoundment Control Act. If we do not receive your response by Wednesday, December 11, 2019, we may issue our opinion without your response.

If you have any questions, please contact Shirley A. Jones, Managing Associate General Counsel, at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] or Omari Norman, Assistant General Counsel for Appropriations Law, at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Thomas H. Armstrong
General Counsel