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The Honorable Chuck Hagel  
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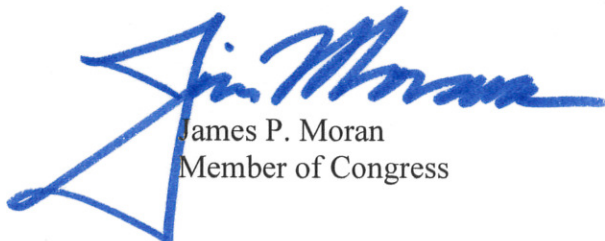
Dear Secretary Hagel:

As you are aware, in its fiscal year (FY) 2013 budget request, the Air Force proposed to terminate the Global Hawk Block 30 program. Congress rejected the Air Force's proposal which was based on highly questionable assumptions, and instead provided clear statutory direction for the Air Force to ensure the system remains capable of supporting operational requirements. Additionally, Congress directed the Air Force to obligate previously authorized and appropriated funds to procure the remaining three Global Hawk Block 30 aircraft.

Yet, as recently as May 9th, during testimony before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, the Air Force has continued to ignore clear Congressional intent and has not obligated these funds. The FY 2013 bipartisan authorization and appropriation process yielded unambiguous statutory direction about the Block 30 program, including explicit direction to complete the acquisition of the remaining three Block 30 systems.

The May 9th testimony further revealed that the Air Force is petitioning for "relief" from Congressional intent. We encourage you to deny these efforts and ensure that the Air Force is in compliance with current law. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,



James P. Moran  
Member of Congress



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