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Colonel Daniel Smith, USA (Ret)
Friends Committee on National Legislation
245 Second Street, NE
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Dear Colonel Smith,

Thank you for your kind words regarding my remarks at the 29 November 2005 DOD press conference. As we wage the War on Terrorism, US troops face many difficult missions around the world. I am confident in their ability to handle challenging situations with the utmost professionalism and to treat others with respect and dignity.

Your organization's continued support of our men and women in uniform is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Pace".

PETER PACE

General, United States Marine Corps
Chairman
of the Joint Chiefs of Staff