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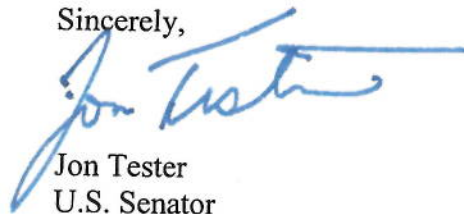
Dear Mr. Fine:

I write to raise concerns about recent media reports that highlight the Defense Logistics Agency's (DLA) inability to account for up to \$800 million in taxpayer dollars, and to request that the Office of Inspector General launch an investigation into the DLA's financial management and asset tracking practices to determine what process improvements and accountability actions are needed.

According to these reports, an independent internal audit conducted by Ernst & Young on behalf of DLA identified critical shortcomings in the agency's financial management that resulted in its inability to properly document or account for more than \$800 million in construction equipment and projects. I am most alarmed by the gaping holes in DLA's bookkeeping and oversight procedures given that the agency had more than three years of preparation as the test case for a broader Department of Defense audit.

Particularly during a time of such budget uncertainty, it is unacceptable for any agency to be so fiscally reckless and irresponsible. Taxpayers deserve to know that their hard-earned money is not being wasted, abused, or lost and it's clear that there needs to be fundamental changes to the agency's financial management and record-keeping practices in order to restore confidence in DLA. I am hopeful that you will take this request into careful consideration, and urge you to launch such an investigation as urgently as practicable that enables Congress and DoD to make reforms to financial management practices at DLA and other DoD agencies.

Sincerely,



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