



*Susan Collins*

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Mr. William Loper  
Director of Government Affairs  
Association of the United States Army  
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Arlington, VA 22201-3385

Dear Mr. Loper:

How kind of you to send me a framed version of my essay that was published in the *AUSA News*. I enjoyed taking part in the AUSA's "Voice of Congress" op/ed series, and it pleases me to know that my essay was so well received by your membership.

Again, many thanks!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan".

Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator

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*United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510*