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The Honorable Carl Levin  
Chairman, SASC  
269 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Levin:

On behalf of the members of the Association of the United States Army, I write to urge you to complete action on the 2015 Defense Appropriations and Authorization bills immediately.

Our ability to fight international terrorism and sustain the all-volunteer force is dependent on timely defense authorizations and appropriations. Funding the Department of Defense with a continuing resolution creates enormous budgetary uncertainty. I stress the necessity of getting the bills to the President for signature before the end of this congressional session.

In a time of war, we must provide our Army's leadership with the tools it needs to complete planned and ongoing initiatives. Our Soldiers and our Army deserve no less than your full support for the timely completion of the defense authorization and appropriations bills.

Sincerely,



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