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General Frank Grass, ARNG Chief, National Guard Bureau 111 South George Mason Drive Arlington, VA 22204

Dear General Grass:

Over the past several years I have been in touch with your office regarding certain irregularities in the Alaska National Guard. Quite candidly I remain dissatisfied with the widely divergent conclusions arrived at by the National Guard Bureau Office of Complex Administrative Investigations and the Department of the Army Inspector General whose work was concurred in by the Department of Defense Inspector General. I am also dissatisfied that unredacted copies of Department of the Army Inspector General work on this issue still have not been released as requested in my letter dated November 11, 2014. I intend to raise these issue later this spring in hearings before the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee. I am hopeful that some can be resolved before then through dialogue between our offices.

My purpose in writing today is to inform you that Craig Richards, the Attorney General of the State of Alaska, has designated the Honorable Patricia Collins, former presiding judge for the Alaska Superior Court in Juneau, as a special investigator on the recent issues that surfaced regarding the Alaska National Guard. Judge Collins is highly regarded for her legal skill and integrity. I have great confidence in her ability and strongly support her efforts to bring light to the challenges which have plagued the Alaska National Guard in recent years.

I respectfully request that your office fully cooperate with Judge Collins and make available to her any and all documents and information you may possess that is relevant to her inquiries. Should you determine that applicable law and/or regulations do not enable you to fully comply with this request, I would further request that you advise my office about those impediments.

I am determined to ensure that allegations of misconduct in the Alaska National Guard are fully investigated and that justice is done.

Respectfully,

Lisa Murkowski

United States Senator

cc: Hon. Jon T. Rymer, DoD Inspector General LTG David E. Quantock, DA Inspector General