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The Honorable Duncan Hunter  
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services  
U. S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

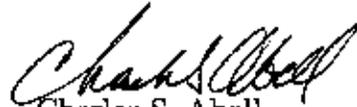
This letter provides information on the Department of Defense (DoD) report to the Congress on Armed Forces athletic competitions required by Section 534 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003 containing: This letter summarizes the scope of the report, the due date, the status of DoD actions to complete the report, and the projected completion date for the report.

- Report: Review of Armed Forces Programs for Preparation for, Participation in, and Conduct of Athletic Competitions.
- Report Scope: The Secretary of Defense will conduct a comprehensive review of the programs of the active and reserve components of the Armed Forces for preparation for, participation in, and conduct of athletic competitions. The matters reviewed will include the funding sources that are currently available for the programs and any relevant limitations on the use of such funding sources. In conducting this review, the Secretary will focus on consistent funding and policy treatment with regard to participation by active and reserve component personnel in athletic competitions.
- Due Date: March 3, 2003
- Status: The Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) is compiling information on all levels of athletic competitions from the DoD components to include the National Guard. The breadth of this review as well as the draft DoD evaluation of the report requires review by numerous offices within the three Military Departments and by several offices within the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD). OSD will draft the final report following the completion this research and coordination within the Department.
- Projected Completion Date: June 30, 2003

The Department is committed to reporting to Congress on these important issues in a timely and responsive manner. We are actively working to ensure that the information provided on this subject is based on a thorough, coordinated review. We will apprise you of any unanticipated changes in the projected schedule provided.

Thank you for your continued support of service members and their families. A similar letter is being sent to the Chairman of the House Committee on Armed Services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles S. Abell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Charles" being the most prominent.

Charles S. Abell  
Principal Deputy

cc:  
The Honorable Ike Skelton  
Ranking Member