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The Honorable Duncan Hunter
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-6035

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Pursuant to section 12310(c)(5), title 10, United States Code, I am proud to inform you that the 51st Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team (WMD-CST) from Augusta, Michigan, and the Reserve members assigned to the team, possess the requisite skills, training, and equipment to be proficient in all mission requirements and are hereby considered certified. Certification authority has been delegated to this office to act on behalf of the Secretary of Defense.

This team has conducted extensive training and completed two rigorous external evaluations. The 51st WMD-CST is equipped with state of the art equipment to support the civil responders in responding to WMD terrorist attacks. As each of the remaining teams is certified to be proficient, separate letters will be forwarded to you. These teams reflect the Department's commitment to support the nation in this regard. I thank you and the committee for your support of this important initiative.

Sincerely,

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