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October 5, 2021

The Honorable John F. Sopko
Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction
2530 Crystal Drive
Arlington, VA 22202-3940

Dear Special Inspector General Sopko:

We write today to ask the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR) submit for declassification all classified appendices produced in conjunction with its quarterly reports. This request expands upon a September 15, 2021, request from Ranking Member Comer and Committee Member Byron Donalds to declassify the classified annex that accompanied SIGAR's most recent quarterly report.¹

SIGAR has released 52 quarterly reports since its inception in 2008 and produced classified appendices to these reports since January 2015.² We appreciate the important oversight work that SIGAR has conducted and believe the historical record of U.S. reconstruction spending in Afghanistan is more complete as a result.

As Congress and the American people evaluate and reflect on nearly two decades of U.S. involvement in Afghanistan, the declassification and release of information related to the war will be critical in our effort to learn lessons for the future.

To that end, we respectfully request that you submit the classified appendices SIGAR has produced since January 2015 to the appropriate departments and agencies to undergo a declassification review for the purpose of public release. To facilitate this process, we ask that you prioritize the declassification of those appendices produced since January 1, 2020, including the appendix identified by Ranking Member Comer and Rep. Donalds in their September 15 letter.

¹ Letter from Ranking Member James Comer, Committee on Oversight and Reform, and Rep. Byron Donalds, to Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction John F. Sopko (Sept. 15, 2021) (online at <https://republicans-oversight.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Letter-to-SIGAR-Re.-Declass-QR.pdf>).

² See, e.g., Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction, *Quarterly Report to the United States Congress* (Jan. 30, 2015) (online at www.sigar.mil/pdf/quarterlyreports/2015-01-30qr.pdf).

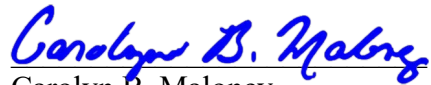
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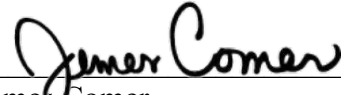
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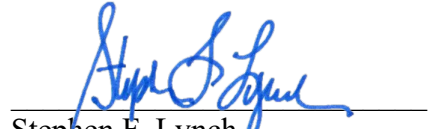
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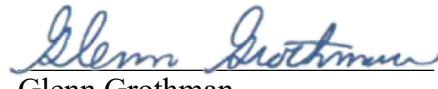
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