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General Frank J. Grass  
Chief  
National Guard Bureau  
111 S. George Mason Drive  
Arlington, VA 22204

Dear General Grass:

When I last wrote to you in December 2014, I noted my satisfaction with the National Guard's plans to address many deficiencies in its psychological health program.<sup>1</sup> I was particularly pleased to learn the National Guard planned to convert contract positions to federal positions in order to provide better mental health services to members of the National Guard while achieving significant cost savings.<sup>2</sup>

I am writing to request an update regarding the National Guard's progress towards implementing the proposed changes and enhancements to the program. In particular, I would like to request a briefing for Subcommittee staff to address the types of services being provided, the bases and wings that are covered, program goals and achievements, details on staffing and the conversion to federal positions, and whether cost savings are being realized. I request that this briefing occur by February 25, 2016.

Thank you for your assistance. Please have your staff contact Sarah Garcia with my Subcommittee staff at (202) 224-5602 to schedule the briefing. Please send any official correspondence relating to this letter to Kelsey\_Stroud@hsgac.senate.gov.

Sincerely,



Claire McCaskill  
Ranking Member  
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

cc: Rob Portman  
Chairman  
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

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<sup>1</sup> Letter from Chairman Claire McCaskill, Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight to General Frank Grass, National Guard Bureau (Dec. 12, 2014).

<sup>2</sup> National Guard Psychological Health Program Information Paper sent to Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight Staff (Dec. 2, 2014).