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The Honorable Ron Johnson
United States Senate
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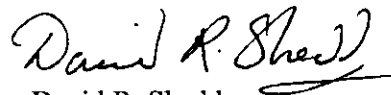
Dear Senator Johnson,

On the occasion of his retirement on September 30, 2014, it is our great privilege to recognize the distinctive contributions of your constituent, Colonel Andrew J. Frank, U.S. Army, a resident of Waukesha, Wisconsin. On July 28, 2014, Colonel Frank was awarded the National Intelligence Medal for Valor in recognition of his extraordinary heroism while serving in Afghanistan in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. As the Intelligence Community's second highest award, the National Intelligence Medal for Valor recognizes only the most exceptional acts of courage in the pursuit of Intelligence Community and national security objectives.

On March 20, 2008, while serving as the Defense Intelligence Agency's (DIA's) Chief, Defense Intelligence Support Organization in Afghanistan, Colonel Frank displayed unflinching leadership and bravery leading security activities for an inter-agency intelligence task force. Caught in an ambush by a numerically superior enemy force with a marked tactical advantage, Colonel Frank courageously disregarded his own safety, maneuvering through multiple kill zones over open terrain on no less than seven occasions, to save the lives of his teammates, Coalition soldiers, and civilian bystanders. He personally led the fire and maneuver of his team, rallied the Afghan National Police (ANP) to engage enemy forces, and personally retrieved a critical resupply of ammunition desperately needed by his team. Colonel Frank's uncommon valor and determined leadership allowed his three-member team, trapped in two ambushes for over two and a half hours, to neutralize the enemy without a single loss of U.S. or ANP life. Colonel Frank's bravery under fire is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects great credit upon himself, DIA, and the U.S. Intelligence Community.

Should you or your staff have any questions about Colonel Frank's prestigious career or DIA's mission and capabilities, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Benjamin Fallon, Chief, Congressional Relations, at (202) 231-0830.

Very respectfully,


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Acting Director

cc: Chairman and Ranking Member, SASC and SSCI