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The Honorable Joni K. Ernst
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

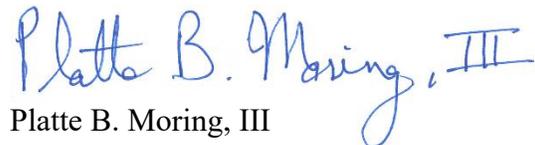
Dear Senator Ernst:

Thank you for your letter dated February 11, 2026, which asked the Department of Defense Office of Inspector General (DoD OIG) to review the Department's efforts to comply with the Cost Openness and Spending Transparency (COST) Act, as incorporated into the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021.

I appreciated our dialogue on this subject during my Senate confirmation hearing last October. My office has reviewed the details of your request and will perform work in this area. We will update your office once we announce the project.

Thank you again for your letter and interest in the mission of our office. If you have questions, please contact me directly or your staff may contact Mr. Jaryd Bern, Assistant Inspector General for Legislative Affairs and Communications, at jaryd.m.bern.civ@dodig.mil or (703) 699-7372.

Sincerely,


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