

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable John Kerry, Chairman  
US Senate Committee of Foreign Relations  
446 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Kerry,

Recent events regarding the U.S. mission in Afghanistan have reinforced the need for the Administration to clearly define its view of "success" on the civilian front in Afghanistan. To date, all responses to this question have been vague and lacked clarity.

Given the recent change in the leadership of the military mission, we feel it is important that the Senate Foreign Relations Committee again request the Administration provide Congress and the American people with a definition of the end state for our civilian operations in Afghanistan, clear objectives for the civilian mission, a detailed plan for achieving those objectives and the very specific, measurable metrics being used to measure progress toward achieving those objectives. To that end, we request you hold hearings before the July Fourth congressional recess with Secretary Clinton, Ambassador Holbrooke and Ambassador Eikenberry to provide very specific responses to these inquiries.

We thank you in advance for your timely attention to my request.

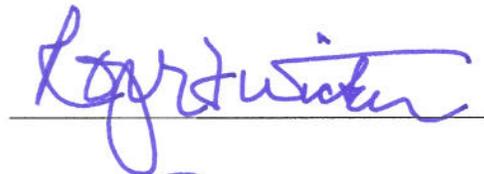
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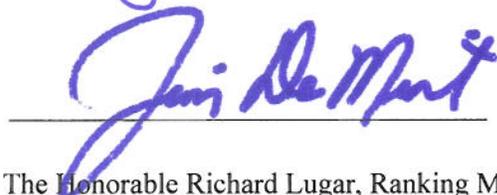
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cc: The Honorable Richard Lugar, Ranking Member, US Senate Committee on Foreign Relations