**UNITED STATES ARMY**
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The Honorable John McCain
Ranking Member
Committee on Armed Service
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator McCain:

My views on the repeal of section 654 of Title 10, United States Code, have not changed since my testimony. I continue to support the review and timeline offered by Secretary Gates.

I remain convinced that it is critically important to get a better understanding of where our Soldiers and Families are on this issue, and what the impacts on readiness and unit cohesion might be, so that I can provide informed military advice to the President and the Congress.

I also believe that repealing the law before the completion of the review will be seen by the men and women of the Army as a reversal of our commitment to hear their views before moving forward.

Sincerely,

George W. Casey, Jr.
General, United States Army