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Mr. Frank Wilton
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Dear Mr. Wilton,

On March 19, 2015, the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations will conduct a legislative hearing on H.R. 571, H.R. 593, H.R. 1015, H.R. 1016, H.R. 1017, H.R. 1128, and H.R. 1129. The hearing will begin at 8:00 AM in Cannon House Office Building room 334.

I invite you or your designee to testify on the issues above, particularly H.R. 1016. Please confirm your attendance by contacting Miss Jessica Eggimann at (202) 225-3527 or you may e-mail her at Jessica.Eggimann@mail.house.gov.

Your complete written statement will be made part of the hearing record, and you will be recognized for five minutes to make an oral statement. To facilitate public access, please send an electronic copy of the testimony, prepared in accordance with the enclosed formatting requirements, to Jessica.Eggimann@mail.house.gov no later than close of business on Monday, March 16, 2015. Please submit 75 copies of the written testimony and include a one page executive summary to Miss Jessica Eggimann by hand delivery or at the above address no later than 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 17, 2015.

The Committee provides public access to its hearing statements on the Internet at the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs (<http://veterans.house.gov>) and the United States Library of Congress (<http://thomas.loc.gov>) websites.

If there are any questions please contact Mr. Eric Hannel, Staff Director of the Subcommittee on Oversight & Investigations, at (202) 225-3569.

Sincerely,



MIKE COFFMAN
Chairman
Subcommittee on Oversight & Investigations

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As you prepare to testify before the Committee, please keep in mind the following submission requirements for the printing and electronic dissemination of hearing statements, written comments, and exhibits.

Electronic Version of Statement: The Committee requires witnesses to submit testimony electronically so that it may be made available to the public via the Committee website (<http://veterans.house.gov>) in a timely manner. **Please make your statement available to the Committee in Microsoft Word and send it as an attachment electronically to Jessica.Eggimann@mail.house.gov.**

Please be advised your written statement will be available online through the Committee's web page and Committee Repository (<http://docs.house.gov>) immediately following the conclusion of the hearing. You may notify us of any changes to your written statement up to the morning of the day of the hearing. This is not an official record of your testimony. The official hearing transcript will be made available electronically once submitted to GPO for printing.

Written Statement: Each statement presented to the Committee by a witness or any written statement or exhibit submitted for the record of a hearing must be in a form that is capable of being photocopied for printing ("camera ready") and should, therefore conform to the following guidelines. The Committee reserves the right not to include any statement or exhibit that is not submitted in the following form:

- For the printed hearing record, one copy of the statement and any accompanying exhibits for the printed hearing record should be prepared on **letter size paper**.
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Disclosure of Foreign Payments to Witnesses. The House Rules require to the greatest extent practicable, nongovernmental witnesses to disclose payments or contracts to the witness or an organization they represent originating from foreign governments received in the current and preceding two calendar years, to the extent that such information is relevant to the subject matter of, and the witness' representational capacity at, that hearing. While failure to comply fully with this requirement would not give rise to a point of order against the witness testifying, it could result in an objection to including the witness's written testimony in the hearing record in the absence of such disclosure.