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The Honorable Paul D. Ryan
Speaker of the House
U. S. House of Representatives
H-209, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Title 10, U.S.C., section 2564(e), provides that the Secretary of Defense shall submit a report on assistance provided by the Department of Defense (DoD) for certain sporting events. This letter serves as the report on DoD assistance for sporting events during calendar year 2016.¹

In 2016, DoD provided support to 21 sporting events at a total cost of \$2,651,513, including \$2,842 in for warehousing of equipment and other administrative costs, not related to a specific event.

On October 22, 2015, I approved support for the U.S. Paralympic Team's participation in the 2016 Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, September 7-19, 2016. DoD provided transportation support totaling \$700,723.

Also on October 22, 2015, I approved [STET] support to the Invictus Games, an international sporting event for wounded, injured, and ill service members and veterans, in Orlando, FL, May 8-12, 2016. This event was sanctioned by the U.S. Olympic Committee, through its Paralympic Military Program. DoD provided transportation, lodging, communications, logistics, and ceremonial support totaling \$1,444,943.

After Attorney General Loretta Lynch certified that DoD support was necessary for the safety and security of the U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials in Eugene, OR, July 1-10, 2016, Deputy Secretary of Defense, Robert O. Work, approved contracting for physical security and safety logistical items and providing DoD communications support to safety and security operations. The total cost of the DoD support to this event was \$52,726.

On December 15, 2015, I approved transportation and logistics support to two Special Olympic sporting events in Austria and Vermont totaling \$64,433. He also approved support to 21 additional events sanctioned by the U.S. Olympic Committee through its Paralympic Military Program. These events benefited wounded, injured, and ill service members and veterans. Categories of support included transportation, communications, and logistics. Two of these events were subsequently cancelled. One was replaced by another similar event. Two events were

¹ The estimated cost of this report or study for the Department of Defense is approximately \$1,310 in Fiscal Years 2016 - 2017. This includes \$0 in expenses and \$1,310 in DoD labor. Generated on December 23, 2016, RefID: 0-B32037A.

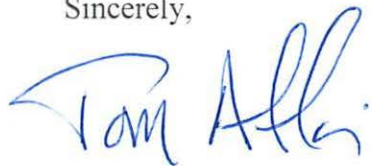
supported without expending funds from the SISC account. The total cost of the support for the 17 events was \$385,846. The specific dates, events, locations, and costs are as follows:

- March 29 - April 3 2016; National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic, Snowmass Village, Colorado; \$30,348.
- March 12 - 14, 2016; 2016 CAMTRI Triathlon Championship, Sarasota, Florida; \$1,868.
- April 13 - 17, 2016; Operation Perseverance, Birmingham, Alabama; \$3,884.
- April 28 - May 1, 2016; Texas Regionals, San Antonio, Texas; \$8,491.
- April 7 - 10, 2016; National Wheelchair Basketball Tournament, Louisville, Kentucky; \$2,919.
- May 4 - 8, 2016; Operation Night Vision, Birmingham, Alabama; \$9,108.
- May 9 - 15, 2016; Desert Challenge Games, Phoenix, Arizona; \$20,198.
- May 23 - 2, 2016; Valor Games Southeast, Raleigh, North Carolina; \$7,419.
- May 27 - June 1, 2016; Seated Volleyball Championships, Orlando, Florida; \$9,155.
- June 1 - 6, 2016; Valor Games Far West, San Jose, California; \$20,468.
- June 9 - 12, 2016; Endeavor Games, Edmond, Oklahoma; \$73,337.
- June 8 - 12, 2016; Great Lakes Games, Chicago, Illinois; \$10,371.
- June 27 - July 2, 2016; National Veterans Wheelchair Games, Salt Lake City, Utah; \$99,501.
- June 27 - July 2, 2016; U.S. Paralympic Trials, Charlotte, North Carolina; \$5,010.
- August 23 - 24, 2016; Valor Games Midwest, Chicago, Illinois; \$17,030.
- September 26 - 29, 2016; Valor Games Southwest, San Antonio, Texas; \$17,495.
- September 18 - 23, 2016; National Veterans Summer Sports Clinic, San Diego, California; \$49,244.

The Department of Defense provided no reimbursable support under Title 10, U.S.C., section 2564(b), during calendar year 2016. Title 10, U.S.C., section 2564(c), provides that support to the Paralympics, Special Olympics and events sanctioned by the U.S. Olympic Committee through the Paralympic Military Program does not require Attorney General certification or reimbursement.

I am pleased to provide this report on DoD assistance for certain sporting events in 2016. A similar letter is being sent to the President of the Senate and the congressional defense committees.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom Atkin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and "A".

Tom Atkin
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