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The Honorable Chellie Pingree
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Pingree:

Thank you for your October 13, 2011 letter requesting an amendment to Question 21 of Standard Form (SF)-86, Questionnaire for National Security Positions, as it relates to military victims of sexual assault.

My staff is working closely with representatives of the Department of Defense (DoD), in particular the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, to address concerns about reporting treatment or counseling for sexual assault in response to Question 21 of the SF-86. Once I receive a fully-coordinated DoD position, my staff will further coordinate with appropriate Executive Branch agencies since any revisions or clarification to Question 21 of the SF-86 will have government-wide impact.

I have directed my staff to work this issue as expeditiously as possible. I appreciate your interest and the concerns you raised. I assure you that this important issue has my personal attention.

Sincerely,


James R. Clapper

I apologize for the tardiness of our response — I'm very familiar with this issue, and am personally supporting of what you are urging.