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The Honorable John McHugh
Secretary of the Army
1400 Defense Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301-1400

Dear Secretary McHugh,

I appreciate your leadership and commitment to the United States Army at a challenging time when our military men and women are engaged in wars on two fronts.

I am appalled by recent reports of what appears to have been chronic mismanagement at Arlington National Cemetery. The systemic problems which already have been documented are clearly unacceptable and extremely disrespectful to the families and loved ones of our fallen heroes and veterans honored at Arlington.

For nearly 130 years, the Commonwealth of Virginia has proudly provided a final resting place for our nation's military men and women at Arlington National Cemetery. I ask that you make the appropriate members of your staff available to provide an update at the earliest possible date on how the Army intends to correct what has been described as a "dysfunctional" and "chaotic" management system at Arlington.

Your prompt attention to this matter is very much appreciated. I look forward to your response. If you should have any questions or concerns, please contact Mark Brunner in my office at 202-224-2023.

Sincerely,



MARK R. WARNER
United States Senator