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Lynne M. Halbrooks
Acting Inspector General
U.S. Department of Defense – Office of Inspector General
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Dear Inspector General Halbrooks,

On October 1, 2012 the Inspector General of the Department of Defense released a Memorandum regarding an “Audit of the Navy Commercial Access Control System.” The objective of this audit is to determine whether the Navy Commercial Access Control System (NCACS) is mitigating access control risks of Navy installations.

The memo indicates that Navy Installations Command, Washington, D.C. was to be included in the audit. It is my understanding that an initial draft report may have been released this morning immediately following the shooting at Washington Navy Yard. Following this tragedy, it is imperative that Members of Congress be thoroughly briefed on the outcome of this audit as it is directly linked to the security of our uniformed and civilian personnel.

Given the disturbing events of today, I am highly concerned that the access control systems at our nation’s military installations have serious security flaws. It is my understanding the IG report indicates the Navy may have implemented an unproven system in order to cut costs. I also learned that potentially numerous felons may have been able to gain unrestricted access to several military installations across the country due to the insufficient background checks, increasing the risk to our military personnel and civilian employees.

I await an immediate briefing regarding the Inspector General’s findings in this audit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael R. Turner".

Michael R. Turner
Member of Congress