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April 8, 2011

The Honorable Gene Dodaro
Comptroller General of the United States
U.S. Government Accountability Office
441 G. Street, NW
Washington, DC 20548

Dear Mr. Dodaro:

I am writing to you to request that the Government Accountability Office (GAO) review federal agencies' compliance with Section 102(b) of the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act of 2010 (CISADA).¹

Section 102(b) of CISADA amended the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 (ISA) to require prospective government contractors to certify that neither they nor their affiliates were engaged in sanctioned activity in Iran. If a contractor submits a false certification, agencies may terminate the contract or propose the contractor for suspension or debarment. Under CISADA, the certification requirement may be waived by the President in the interests of national security, provided that a written certification of the waiver is submitted to Congress.²

To ensure that federal agencies are complying with the government contracting provisions of CISADA, I request that GAO assess the following: (1) agency and contractor compliance with the certification; (2) how many reports of false certifications have been investigated by agencies; (3) the outcomes of these investigations; (4) how many contractors have been suspended or debarred for engaging in sanctioned activity in Iran; and (5) how many waivers of certification have been requested and how many granted. I also request that GAO examine the extent to which agencies and contractors are applying the CISADA requirements to subcontractors.

Please have your staff contact Sarah Garcia with the Subcommittee staff at (202) 224-1014 with any questions. Please send any official correspondence related to this request to Kelsey_Stroud@hsgac.senate.gov.

¹ Pub. L. 111-195, 124 Stat. 1312.

² The Federal Acquisition Regulation was amended to implement the relevant provisions of CISADA on September 29, 2010. See 48 C.F.R. 52.225-25.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Claire McCaskill". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Claire" being more prominent and the last name "McCaskill" following in a similar style.

Claire McCaskill
Chairman
Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight

cc: Rob Portman
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight
