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Ms. Angela B. Styles
Administrator, Office of Federal Procurement Policy
Eisenhower Executive Office Building, Room 352
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Ms. Styles:

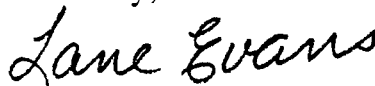
Thank you for appearing before the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on February 5, 2003. I appreciated your testimony and candor at the hearing.

During the hearing I addressed a question to you concerning the Bush Administration's initiative to "contract-out" certain governmental services, thus, terminating many federal positions. I am particularly interested in data concerning the impact that this initiative will have on federal positions currently held by veterans, including service-disabled veterans. Additionally, I am troubled by reports that many of the identified positions for contracting-out, especially those at the Department of Veterans Affairs, would result not only in the loss of federal employment but also eliminate veterans' preference for many veterans.

Accordingly, please provide information concerning the number, by agency and job title, of veterans and service-disabled veterans who are in positions that the Administration has identified as appropriate for contracting to the private sector. Also please provide any analysis or reports estimating the impact that this "contracting-out" initiative will have on veterans' preference within the federal workforce.

Your response by February 28, 2003 would be appreciated. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation. If you have further questions please contact Geoffrey Collver of my Committee staff at (202) 225-9756.

Sincerely,



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