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The Honorable Howard P. "Buck" McKeon
Chairman
Committee on Armed Services
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

I write on behalf of Secretary Hagel in response to your letter of July 19, 2013, asking if any Department personnel associated with the attacks on U.S. facilities in Benghazi, Libya of last September have been required to sign a non-disclosure agreement subsequent to the attacks. The Department has not requested nor required relevant personnel to sign any such agreement since the attacks.

The Department continues to fully cooperate with your investigation, and has provided key personnel to provide several classified briefings to the Committee's Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations since May. Further classified Member briefings are currently scheduled.

Since the tragic events of last September, we have made every effort to provide Congress a detailed chronology of the Department's actions surrounding the attack, and have accommodated the Committee's every request. The Department recognizes your congressional oversight responsibilities and remains committed to working with you. If you require anything further, please contact Mr. Bill Hudson at (703) 693-2648.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth L. King". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.