



**Homeland
Security**

February 4, 2013

The Honorable Tom Coburn, M.D.
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Coburn:

Thank you for your recent letter to Secretary Napolitano concerning the recent announcement about the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) ammunition procurement plans.

DHS routinely establishes strategic sourcing contracts that combine the requirements of all its Components for commonly purchased goods and services such as ammunition, computer equipment, and information technology services. These strategic sourcing contracts help leverage the purchasing power of DHS to efficiently procure equipment and supplies at significantly lower costs.

The enclosure responds to each of the five questions you provided in your letter.

Thank you again for your letter. I look forward to working with you in the future. Should you need additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 447-5890.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "N. Peacock", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Nelson Peacock
Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs

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