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Mr. Glenn Fine Acting Inspector General U.S. Department of Defense Office of Inspector General 4800 Mark Center Drive Alexandria, VA 22350-1500

Dear Mr. Fine:

I understand that you have received requests from Representatives Ro Khanna and Tim Ryan that your office open an investigation into TransDigm Group for potential waste, fraud, and abuse in the military spares market. I also understand that your office is currently reviewing this matter to determine the most appropriate course of action.

I also write to you to formally request that you expeditiously open an investigation into TransDigm if you have not already done so. As a member of the Senate Committee on Armed Services, I have also been monitoring reports that suggest TransDigm Worldwide has used a variety of tactics to avoid sharing cost information with the government for parts for which it is the sole source supplier. These reports further show that TransDigm has unreasonably raised prices on many parts shortly after completing acquisitions of the companies that produce them.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to hearing from you if and when your office makes a decision on pursuing an investigation, and receiving the results of any investigation once it is complete. I look forward to working with your office, and the Department of Defense to ensure that our service members continue to receive the best made equipment while also ensuring that taxpayers continue to receive fair value.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Warren United States Senator