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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to you regarding Mr. Ken Pedeleose, Industrial Engineer, at the Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA).

Mr. Pedeleose is continuing to assist the Finance Committee in its oversight investigation of spare parts overpricing on Air Force contracts.

Federal law provides individuals, who are assisting a Congressional investigation, with complete protection from retaliation. In this regard, Federal law specifies:

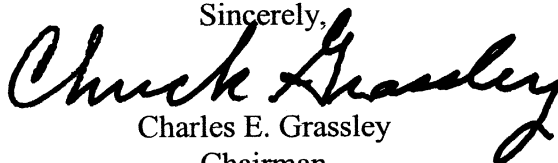
"Whoever corruptly, or by threats or force, or by any threatening letter or communication influences, obstructs, or impedes or endeavors to influence, obstruct, or impede the due and proper administration of the law under which any pending proceeding is being had before any department or agency of the United States, or the due and proper exercise of the power or inquiry under which any inquiry or investigation is being had by either House, or any committee of either House or any joint committee of the Congress -- shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than five years, or both"

See 18 U.S.C. 1505 (partial citation)

I have instructed Mr. Pedeleose to contact me if he has any concerns about possible retaliation. If you have any questions as to this letter, please contact Mr. Charles Murphy at 202-224-3744.

Your full cooperation in this matter would be appreciated.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Grassley
Chairman

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Director, DCMA, BG Darryl Scott