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From: Joint Program Manager, Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) Vehicle Program
To: Mr. Rich Schalter, President, Spartan Chassis, Inc.
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Subj: Recognition of Workforce Support on the Joint Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) Vehicle Program

Dear Mr. Schalter,

Please accept the profound gratitude of the Joint Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) Vehicle Program. The hard work and dedication of Spartan Chassis, Inc. has helped provide our men and women in uniform the best protection against Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), our enemies' choice and deadliest tactic in the Global War on Terror. Only a year and a half ago, three-quarters of American casualties were caused by IEDs detonating beneath unarmored HMMWVs. Spartan has played a significant part in producing vehicles that provide the best protection against these horrific devices. The numbers of service members who will come home to their families because of the vehicles you helped produce are impressive and heartwarming.

The Cougar fleet that our warfighters depend on can only be effective in its' mission, if each vehicle is reliable. Spartan's expertise in design, manufacturing, and production has created a fleet of vehicles we know are of the highest standard. The Cougar fleet is routinely at 90% or greater readiness. I applaud your work and expertise.

History has taught us many lessons in the evolution of warfare. One key lesson is that technology dictates how a war is fought. Mines are by no means new, but have become alarmingly sophisticated devices. With an intense commitment to the warfighter, Spartan has stepped up to the plate and provided our military with a vehicle that exceeds the technological advancement of our enemies. Not since World War II have we seen American industry move from a concept to full rate military production in less than twelve months. The Soldiers, Sailors,

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Airmen, Marines, and their loved ones are forever grateful for
your hard work and sacrifice.



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