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May 21, 2025

VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

The Honorable Lloyd Austin
Former Secretary of Defense

Dear General Austin:

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May 21, 2025

VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

Ms. Julie Su
Former Acting Secretary of Labor

Dear Ms. Su:

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May 21, 2025

VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

The Honorable Jeff Zients
Former White House Chief of Staff

Dear Mr. Zients:

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