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The Honorable Lloyd J. Austin III
Secretary of Defense
United States Department of Defense
1000 Defense Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing to request that the Department of Defense provide support to the Hellenic Republic in its efforts to confront devastating fires. I applaud the Department's deployment of P8 aircraft to Greece to provide enhanced situational awareness of the threats to infrastructure and residential areas. These efforts have saved lives and I urge the Department to fulfill additional requests for assistance, including the deployment of CH-47 helicopters.

Greece is a close and valued NATO ally. I urge the Administration to take all measures necessary to support the people of Greece in their time of need.

Sincerely,



Robert Menendez
Chairman

CC: The Honorable Antony J. Blinken, Secretary of State
The Honorable Samantha Power, Administrator of USAID