

# United States Senate

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## VIA ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

The Honorable Mike Pompeo  
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General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr.  
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The Honorable Daniel Coats  
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The Honorable Gina Haspel  
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The Honorable Patrick Shanahan  
Acting Secretary and Deputy Secretary  
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Dear Secretary Pompeo, General Dunford, Director Haspel, Director Coats and Acting Secretary Shanahan:

I write to request an interagency briefing to the entire United States Senate addressing the Iranian threat assessment that resulted in the United States adjusting its military force posture in the Middle East and announcing an evacuation of non-essential personnel from Iraq.

Congress is vested with the sole power to declare war, and potential deployments may involve constituents from every State and territory, rather than just a select few. That is why every Senator must be provided a classified briefing on this new threat assessment and an opportunity to pose detailed questions on the analysis that may be used to justify the use of military force.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of my urgent request for an all-Senator classified briefing on the Iranian threat assessment.

Sincerely,



Tammy Duckworth  
United States Senator