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The Honorable Carl Levin
Chairman, Senate Armed Services Committee
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Dear Chairman Levin:

Thank you for your June 6, 2013, letter requesting additional information regarding a potential East Coast Missile Field. The Missile Defense Agency and the Joint Functional Component Command for Integrated Missile Defense jointly offer the following response:

1. Is there currently a validated military requirement to deploy an East Coast missile defense site?

Response: There is no validated military requirement to deploy an East Coast missile defense site.

2. Do you favor Congress mandating the deployment of an East Coast site before the completion of the pending Environmental Impact Statement required by Section 227 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Public Law 112-239)?

Response: No. We support completing the requirements mandated by Section 227 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Public Law 112-239).

3. At this time do you believe there is a more cost effective and less expensive alternative to an East Coast missile defense site that is also available sooner than deployment of an East Coast missile defense site?

Response: Yes. Investment in Ballistic Missile Defense System (BMDS) discrimination and sensor capabilities would result in more cost-effective near-term improvements to homeland missile defense. The Department of Defense is evaluating potential sensors enhancements that could be pursued to improve the BMDS kill chain and increase threat discrimination in addition to the evaluation of an additional interceptor site. While a potential East Coast site would add operational capability it would also come at significant materiel development and service

sustainment cost. This evaluation, and others, will serve to inform decisions on our future BMDS architecture and budget requests.

Thank you for the opportunity to inform the Committee in advance of its Fiscal Year 2014 National Defense Authorization Act deliberations. If you have additional questions, please have your staff contact [REDACTED]
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Very Respectfully,



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