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The Honorable Todd Akin House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515-6035

Dear Representative Akin:

Thank you for your letter of May 6, 2011, regarding a memorandum signed by the Navy Chief of Chaplains on April 13, 2011. I am responding on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy.

The memorandum to which you refer has been suspended pending additional legal and policy review and inter-Departmental coordination.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to address this issue. As always, if I may be of further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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