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The Honorable Darrell E. Issa
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The Honorable Elijah Cummings
Ranking Member
Committee on Oversight and
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2471 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Issa and Ranking Member Cummings:

I am writing to respectfully request that the Oversight and Government Reform Committee convene a hearing to investigate the alarming increase in so-called "Green-on-Blue" attacks in Afghanistan and the potential exposure to remaining U.S. forces during the current withdrawal timetable which ends in 2014.

As you know, this year has seen an extremely disturbing rise in the incidences of Afghan security forces turning on coalition forces, with 40 members, including 10 Americans, killed so far in 2012. These attacks threaten to jeopardize our ability to cooperate effectively with Afghan forces and may delay our ability to transition to Afghan-led security operations by the 2014 NATO deadline.

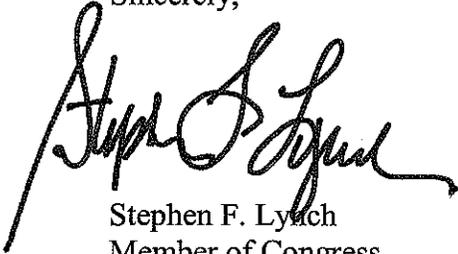
Throughout the United States' involvement in operations in Afghanistan, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform has worked actively to ensure that U.S. forces have the resources necessary to succeed in their mission while requiring that U.S. funds are being spent transparently and effectively. This development requires that we do no less.

In the interest of a full and productive hearing, a range of witnesses representing the perspectives of the Department of Defense, including Central Command, Department of State, the Afghan Government, ISAF and NATO would be helpful. I am sure that our capable Committee staff could also add to that list.

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Thank you in advance for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen F. Lynch". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Stephen F. Lynch
Member of Congress

Cc: The Honorable Jason Chaffetz
The Honorable John Tierney