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STATEMENT OF

LTCOL KARSTEN HECKL, USMC  
FORMER COMMANDING OFFICER OF VMM-162

BEFORE THE

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT REFORM

ON

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

MV-22B OSPREY PROGRAM

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Chairman Towns, Congressman Issa and distinguished Members of the committee, my name is Lieutenant Colonel Karsten Heckl. I was the commanding officer of VMM-162 from 31 August 2006 to 24 October 2008. During that time, I deployed my squadron to Iraq from March 2008 to September 2008. I have been with the program since 1999 and have over 400 hours in the aircraft. I thank you for the opportunity to be here today and I look forward to the opportunity to speak to the committee regarding my operational experience and the operational employment of the MV-22B.