



RESPONSE SYSTEMS TO ADULT SEXUAL ASSAULT CRIMES PANEL

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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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Dear Ms. Tracy:

The Response Systems to Adult Sexual Assault Crimes Panel is conducting an independent review and assessment of the systems used to investigate, prosecute, and adjudicate crimes involving adult sexual assault and related offenses under Article 120 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. On behalf of the Panel's Chair, the Honorable Barbara Jones, your organization is invited to submit matters to the Panel to assist it in its review.

Congress directed the Secretary of Defense to establish the panel in Section 576(a)(1) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013. A copy of Section 576, which also contains the Panel's terms of reference, is attached.

Specifically, the Panel wishes to provide you the opportunity to submit comments or matters you deem appropriate regarding the terms of reference, as well as any other data, studies or resources you believe would be of value to the Panel. Your organization's insight and expertise will aid the Panel in identifying best practices employed in civilian jurisdictions, and recommending improvements to the systems in place to support and protect victims.

The Panel is an advisory committee under the Federal Advisory Committee Act; therefore, all information and documents received are available to the public for copying or inspection. The Panel anticipates it will complete its report in June, 2014.

Thank you in advance for any assistance you may provide. My point of contact for this matter is Ms. Julie Carson, who may be reached at [REDACTED] or by e-mail at [REDACTED]. Please don't hesitate to contact Ms. Carson with any questions.

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Ham
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