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APR 26 2023

The Honorable Jack Reed
Chairman
Committee on Armed Services
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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Gilbert R. Cisneros, Jr.

Enclosure:
As stated

cc:
The Honorable Roger F. Wicker
Ranking Member



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Report to the Congressional Defense Committees



Department of Defense Controlled Access to Health Information

April 2023

The estimated cost of this report or study for the Department of Defense (DoD) is approximately \$4,300 for the 2022 Fiscal Year. This includes \$2,000 in expenses and \$2,300 in DoD labor.

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