The Honorable Mo Brooks  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515  

Dear Representative Brooks:

Thank you for your February 10, 2012, letter to the Secretary of Defense endorsing approval of a strategic plan for vertical lift aviation. I am responding on his behalf.

As you articulated, vertical lift aviation has been, and will continue to be, a critical capability well into the future. As such, it will remain a core element of Department of Defense aviation. We are grateful not only to the United States vertical lift aviation industry but also to the members of Congress who support the Department in this key area of our defense. When complete, we would welcome the opportunity to brief the Army Aviation Caucus on our strategic plan.

Your attention and support will be appreciated as we seek the necessary resources for future vertical lift programs in upcoming budgets. Thank you for your dedication to ensuring the capabilities of our Armed Forces.

Sincerely,

Frank Kendall  
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