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The Honorable John R. Carter  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Representative Carter:

Thank you for your letter, dated November 7, 2017, to Ms. LeeAnn Borman, Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs, on behalf of [REDACTED]. I am responding on behalf of the Department of Defense (DoD).

We have previously addressed [REDACTED] concerns in a number of venues. [REDACTED] issue centers on the DoD's Demilitarization (DEMIL) Program. The DEMIL Program ensures compliance with Department of Commerce (DOC) and Department of State (DOS) regulations for Commerce Control List Items and U.S. Munition List (USML) items. [REDACTED] has specifically taken exception with DoD disposal actions for the High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles (e.g., M1025, M1026, etc.), and Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Trucks (M997, M978, etc.).

All DoD excess personal property is screened to allow for maximum reuse, which includes transfers to approved special programs such as firefighters and/or law enforcement agencies, as well as to other federal recipients, prior to final disposition. Under current DoD policy, various types of military equipment require some form of DEMIL or mutilation prior to release from DoD control, while others, such as non-combat support vehicles (M35, M900, etc.), do not require DEMIL or mutilation, but do require an assessment of the interested buyer prior to being released from DoD control.

The assignment of DEMIL codes are in accordance with DoS and DoC regulations. Items that are designated by DOS as USML or that are included on DOC Commerce Controlled List, have been specifically designed, modified, adapted, or configured for military use and do not have predominate commercial application. It is critical the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) process this type of property properly, to include destruction when necessary.

Technical experts at DoD have reviewed the technical data for the equipment [REDACTED] has inquired about, and have determined that their current DEMIL coding assignments are appropriate and valid.

I trust this information is responsive to your inquiry.

Sincerely,

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