

United States Senate

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L. Britt Snider
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Dear Mr. Snider,

We congratulate you on the work that you and the rest of the Public Interest Declassification Board have done in your initial meetings this year. Overclassification of information is a problem that has plagued federal agencies for years, with consequences for performance and accountability. It is our hope that the Board's examination of various classification issues will lead to recommendations that will enhance transparency and improve the functioning of government.

The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, on which we serve, recently released two reports addressing prewar intelligence issues regarding Iraq. We believe that portions of these two reports remain unnecessarily classified. We ask that the Board review these two documents and evaluate whether any of the currently classified portions could be made public without negatively impacting national security.

We appreciate your consideration of this request, and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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