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There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

DEFENSE SECURITY
COOPERATION AGENCY,
Washington, DC.

Hon. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN,
*Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(5)(C) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended, we are forwarding Transmittal No. 23-0T. This notification relates to enhancements or upgrades from the level of sensitivity of technology or capability described in the Section 36(b)(1) AECA certification 08-19 of September 8, 2008.

Sincerely,

JAMES A. HURSCH,
Director.

Enclosure.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 23-0T

Report of Enhancement or Upgrade of Sensitivity of Technology or Capability (Sec. 36(b)(5)(C), AECA)

(i) Purchaser: Government of the United Arab Emirates.

(ii) Sec. 36(b)(1), AECA Transmittal No.: 08-19; Date: September 8, 2008; Implementing Agency: Missile Defense Agency.

Funding Source: National Funds.

(iii) Description: On September 8, 2008, Congress was notified by Congressional certification transmittal number 08-19 of the possible sale, under Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, to the United Arab Emirates of 3 Terminal High Altitude Air Defense (THAAD) Fire Units with 147 THAAD missiles, 4 THAAD radar sets (3 tactical and one maintenance float), 6 THAAD fire and control communication stations, and 9 THAAD launchers. Also included are fire unit maintenance equipment, prime movers (trucks), generators, electrical power units, trailers, communications equipment, tools, test and maintenance equipment, repair and return, system integration and checkout, spare/repair parts, publications, documentation, personnel services, and other related support elements. The estimated total cost was \$6.95 billion. Major Defense Equipment (MDE) constituted \$4.20 billion of this total.

On August 7, 2012, Congress was notified by Congressional certification transmittal number 0D-12 of the upgrade of the 3 THAAD Fire Units previously notified but not yet delivered, with the addition of 7 Multifunctional Information Distribution System Low Volume Terminals (MIDS-LVTs). The total net cost of MDE increased by \$2.8 million to \$4.203 billion. The estimated total case value remained \$6.95 billion.

This transmittal notifies the possible sale of an additional twelve (12) THAAD launchers. Also included is five (5) years of sustainment support for both the THAAD ground equipment and the THAAD radar sets, consisting of: system software maintenance and upgrade; test components; repair and return; support equipment; spare and repair parts; personnel training and training equipment; publications and technical data; U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance; and other related elements of logistical and program support. The total value of the new items and services is \$1.163 billion. The net cost of MDE will increase by \$120 million, resulting in a revised MDE value of \$4.323 billion. The net cost of non-

MDE will increase by \$1.043 billion. The total estimated case value will increase by \$1.163 billion to \$8.113 billion.

(iv) Significance: The proposed sale will improve UAE's capability to counter current and future threats in the region.

(v) Justification: This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of an important regional partner. The UAE is a vital U.S. partner for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East.

(vi) Sensitivity of Technology: The Sensitivity of Technology Statement contained in the original notification applies to items reported here.

The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and services included in this potential sale is SECRET.

(vii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: February 15, 2024.

NOMINATION OF MOSHE Z. MARVIT

Mr. CASSIDY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following letter be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

NATIONAL STONE, SAND
& GRAVEL ASSOCIATION,
February 22, 2024.

Hon. BERNIE SANDERS,
*Chairman, Committee on Health, Education,
Labor, and Pensions, U.S. Senate, Wash-
ington, DC.*

Hon. BILL CASSIDY,
*Ranking Member, Committee on Health, Edu-
cation, Labor, and Pensions, U.S. Senate,
Washington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN SANDERS AND RANKING MEMBER CASSIDY: On behalf of the 450 members of the National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (NSSGA). I write to express our strong opposition of Moshe Marvit's nomination for the open seat on the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission. Having failed to be approved for this seat twice previously, and with a biased track record against industry operators, we do not believe Mr. Marvit is fit to serve in this position.

NSSGA represents the aggregates industry, and the equipment manufacturers and service providers who support them. Our industry has 9,000 facilities and well over 100,000 employees in high-paying jobs. The industry produces 2.5 billion tons of aggregates annually, which is crucial for sustaining our lifestyle and constructing the nation's infrastructure and communities. These products are fundamental components required for building communities, roads, airports, transit, rail, ports, providing clean water and energy networks.

We recognize the critical role of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, as an independent agency charged with the review of legal disputes arising under the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (Mine Act). As you may know, the Commission was established under the Mine Act to ensure fair and impartial adjudication. Unfortunately, Mr. Marvit, a former union attorney, has a long, documented history as a labor activist showing a personal bias against industrial operators. This bias would prevent him from serving as an impartial member of the Commission and his confirmation would pose a significant threat to our industry, companies and employees.

We strongly urge you to reject Mr. Marvit's nomination and work to fill this

key position with an individual who will serve impartially, as intended.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL W. JOHNSON,
PRESIDENT & CEO,
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING MERRILL MANUFACTURING

• Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, as ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Iowa small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize Merrill Manufacturing of Storm Lake, IA as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

In 1949, Noel Merrill Anderson invented the Any Flow Yard Hydrant out of his garage in Clive, IA. The Any Flow Yard Hydrant is a freeze resistant water tap, which serves the agriculture needs of farms in colder weather climates. With a revolutionary product in hand, Merrill Manufacturing was established. In 1957, the company moved to Storm Lake and expanded by offering the Merrill Pitless Units and Merrill Tank Floats in the following years. In 1975, Noel's son Stephen joined the company and shortly after became president in 1981, while Noel served as chairman of the board. In 2005, Noel Merrill Anderson passed away, leaving behind a legacy of hard work, service, and dedication to entrepreneurial and manufacturing excellence. The third generation of the Anderson family continued this legacy when Stephen's sons Joel and Matt joined Merrill Manufacturing in 2011 and 2016, respectively.

Today, Merrill Manufacturing sells their yard pumps for rural, farm, and livestock properties all over the world. Since their humble beginnings in a garage outside of Des Moines, they have grown to employ 65 individuals. Merrill Manufacturing's core values include inspiring messages and mission commitment that transcend to all of their employees including: "Do the right thing," "we before me," and "be part of the solution." Merrill Manufacturing is also dedicated to providing wells to communities that need clean drinking water. Stephen Anderson previously served as president and currently serves on the board of the Water Well Trust, a nonprofit that aims to provide water to Americans without water access.

Merrill Manufacturing and the Anderson family have also been recognized for their hard work. Both Stephen and Noel Merrill Anderson are members of the Iowa Inventors Hall of Fame. In 2009, the Iowa Economic Development Authority awarded Merrill Manufacturing the Global Iowa Export Award. In 2024, Merrill Manufacturing was awarded the Excellence Award by the Iowa Lakes Corridor Development Corporation. Due to their team's hard

work, Merrill Manufacturing celebrated its 75th business anniversary in 2024.

I want to commend the Anderson family for their dedication and incredible commitment to the Storm Lake community and to achieving the American dream. Congratulations to the Anderson family and the entire team at Merrill Manufacturing. I look forward to seeing your continued growth and success in Iowa.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. BOB ANDELMAN

● Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, I am honored to recognize Dr. Bob Andelman of Portsmouth, NH, as February's Granite Stater of the Month. After a 34-year-long career as an anesthesiologist, Dr. Andelman retired and retrained in addiction medicine. He then spent the next 7 years volunteering with Greater Seacoast Community Health, helping patients get the addiction treatment that they need and demonstrating an extraordinary commitment to his community and State.

Dr. Andelman began his career as an anesthesiologist at Wentworth-Douglass Hospital in 1979, where he worked for 6 years before moving to Portsmouth Regional Hospital in 1985, where he worked for 28 years. He also volunteered for the New Hampshire Board of Medicine for 10 years. In the later years of his practice, addiction grew from a problem into a crisis and spread throughout our State, touching nearly every community in New Hampshire. As Dr. Andelman began to contemplate retirement and the time came to decide whether to renew his medical license or let it lapse, Dr. Andelman decided that he could not stop practicing medicine; instead, he chose to change course and work to address the opioid epidemic. Given the dire need for more doctors to prescribe medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorder, which cuts the craving for addiction and is the gold standard for treatment, Dr. Andelman connected with Greater Seacoast Community Health and underwent new medical training in order to prescribe medication-assisted treatment to Granite Staters.

This transition required learning entirely new medical content and a new electronic medical record system as well. But for Dr. Andelman, the biggest difference was in the one-on-one relationships he developed with his patients. As an anesthesiologist, Dr. Andelman was used to gathering information about the patient, consulting with doctors, and helping patients understand the process of being anesthetized before, during, and after medical procedures. In his role at Families First Health Center, part of Greater Seacoast Community Health, he started to build long-term relationships with patients, often learning about their lives starting from childhood on; and this rapport was essential for building trust with his patients to help

them stay in recovery. For 7 years, Dr. Andelman volunteered at Families First, helping countless patients and their families change their lives.

Dr. Andelman was inspired by his time at Families First Health Center, particularly by patients who courageously sought treatment and faced their conditions head on. He understands that addiction is a chronic illness where people can relapse, but some patients continue to push through the illness and work to get better. Many patients who come in for addiction treatment have not had any positive reinforcement, and Dr. Andelman saw the impact that such reinforcement provided when he complimented their efforts to seek help and communicated his belief in the patient's strength and ability to succeed.

Dr. Andelman's selfless determination to help others is truly inspiring. His long career and volunteer work in medicine exemplifies the Granite State spirit of lifting up others and doing what we can to help each other out. I am proud to recognize Dr. Andelman's compassion, hard work, and the difference he has made for countless Granite Staters when they need a doctor—and a friend.●

RECOGNIZING TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY

● Mr. SCHMITT. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Missouri's own Truman State University for its outstanding accomplishments in the development and grand opening of the Greenwood Interprofessional Autism Center. This center is instrumental in preparing emerging professionals for a prosperous career, as well as advancing education for people with developmental disabilities.

Before discussing the new center, let me tell you more about my alma mater, Truman State University. Founded in 1867 in Kirksville, MO, Truman State University has been dedicated to offering an exemplary education for the benefit of all. It provides a world-class educational experience in the heartland of the United States. Truman State University enables students with educational prowess and success, and the Greenwood Center is yet another example of that.

The Greenwood Interprofessional Autism Center provides a patient-centered, evidence-based approach for those on the autism spectrum and for those with other neuro-developmental disorders. In collaboration with partner organizations, the center is at the forefront of research and provides cutting-edge applied behavior analysis services tailored to assisting individuals who are on the autism spectrum. The curriculum is taught by licensed professionals who are experts in providing unparalleled educational opportunities for families, patients, and students enrolled in health-related academic programs.

By breaking down barriers and destigmatizing what it means to have a

developmental disorder, this center is empowering their patients, their patients' families, and their students with skills that they will utilize for their entire lives. I understand from my own personal experiences that caring for someone with special needs requires love, patience, and resources. This center is able to assist many in their journey through life and is a shining example of what our educational institutions are intended to represent and achieve. I am looking forward to learning more about their future successes in the field.

Once again, I congratulate my alma mater Truman State University on its outstanding efforts in service to Missouri and to its communities. It is truly living its mission to serve its students, and I commend the university for adapting to a rapidly changing educational environment.

“Go Bulldogs.”●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Kelly, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3578. A communication from the Chair and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to Bahrain; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3579. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, three (3) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of the Treasury, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3580. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 12957 with respect to Iran; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3581. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency with respect to Libya that was declared in Executive Order 13566 of February 25, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.