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Dr. Keith Hall
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Dear Dr. Hall:

For a number of years, both the Department of Defense (DOD) and the State Department have received a considerable portion of their total funding through Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) funding. While the premise of OCO funding is that it is to fund emergent requirements, the Congressional Budget Office's (CBO's) analysis suggests that a sizable portion of DOD's OCO funding has, in fact, been used for enduring requirements.

Paralleling and complementing CBO's research on DOD's OCO budget, we would like CBO to study how OCO funding has been used in the State Department's budget. What level of OCO funding has the State Department received? What categories of expenses has it been used for? Are there reasons to be concerned that, as appears to be the case for the DOD, State Department OCO appropriations have been used to fund enduring requirements?

If your staff has questions about this request, they may contact Rick Berger at (202) 224-0564.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and for your work in support of the Congress and the nation.

Respectfully,



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