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The Honorable Donald Rumsfeld
Secretary of Defense
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Dear Secretary Rumsfeld:

I am writing to bring to your attention a unique blast protection technology that could help the Department of Defense in its efforts to ensure the safety of facilities that house U.S. military and civilian personnel in Iraq and elsewhere in the Middle East.

Line-X Corporation, a company headquartered in Orange County, California, has developed a product known as PAXCON, a polymer coating that is sprayed onto existing structures in order to mitigate damage from nearby bomb blasts. As has been explained to me, the PAXCON coating essentially acts like safety glass, working to hold a damaged structure intact and to prevent flying debris from harming other nearby structures or people.

The Department of Defense already recognizes PAXCON as a proven technology. In May 2001, the Air Force Research Laboratory reviewed 27 different blast mitigation technologies, and PAXCON was the only product to pass every one of their tests. The report estimated that PAXCON could reduce by 50% damages and casualties resulting from bomb blasts. The Air Force further determined that the product could withstand damage from up to 1,000 pounds of TNT, and that--even at higher explosive levels--the coating still provided protection against fragmentation.

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Because PAXCON has already proven its ability to reduce blast damage, I would encourage the Department to evaluate whether the technology might prove useful to protect buildings in Iraq and elsewhere in the Middle East that are at threat against terrorist attack. Specifically, I'd like to inquire whether your key staff would be interested in taking a meeting with executives from Line-X in order to learn more about the technology and whether it might be put to good use to protecting military and civilian personnel in Iraq and the Middle East.

Thanks for your consideration of this request. Feel free to contact me if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,



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U.S. Representative

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The Honorable Colin L. Powell
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Dear Secretary Powell:

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