

***New SIGAR report raises serious concerns about the misuse of taxpayer funds in Afghanistan***

Washington, DC – Today, Congressman John Tierney, Ranking Member of the House Oversight Committee Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations, called on the Department of Defense and NATO to reconsider the transfer of fuel responsibilities from NATO Training Mission-Afghanistan/Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan (CSTC-A) to the Afghan Government after a Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR) report raised serious concerns about the misuse of taxpayer funds in Afghanistan.

“It is unacceptable that the Department of Defense has allowed these contracts to continue without sufficient accountability or oversight to ensure the U.S. taxpayer dollars are being spent efficiently and effectively,” Tierney said. “DOD and NATO should work together immediately to establish clear guidelines to ensure that this money is not misused. These problems must be fixed before the Command transfers responsibility for these contracts to the Afghan National Army and provides hundreds of millions of dollars directly to the Afghan government.”

The report, released today, by the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR) on the Afghan National Army’s logistics capability for petroleum, oil, and lubricants raised serious concerns about the proper use of taxpayer dollars in Afghanistan. The report found that CSTC-A Command failed to base their fuel purchasing request on documented needs. For example, the Command could not reconcile how much fuel was consumed, whether ordered fuel was delivered, or even the quality of the fuel. In fact, the Command based their \$555 million dollar FY2014 request on incomplete data from just one month of records.

Congressman Tierney has long been a leader on rooting out waste, fraud and abuse of taxpayer dollars in Afghanistan. Earlier this year, Ranking Member Tierney and Chairman Jason Chaffetz announced an investigation of the multi-billion dollar defense food contract in Afghanistan. In 2010, then Chairman Tierney led a National Security Subcommittee investigation of jet fuel contracts in Kyrgyzstan, a major transit hub for Afghanistan, and issued a report, entitled *Mystery at Manas*, that outlined serious concerns regarding potential corruption and a lack of oversight. In June 2010, Tierney released a report entitled, *Warlord, Inc. Extortion and Corruption Along the U.S. Supply Chain in Afghanistan* which was the culmination of a six-month investigation into the Department of Defense's Host Nation Trucking (HNT) contract. Congressman Tierney also sponsored legislation in 2005 that

led the way to the creation of the Commission on Wartime Contracting that uncovered evidence of \$30 - \$60 billion dollars of waste, fraud, and abuse of U.S. taxpayer dollars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

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