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Dear Uniformed Service Members and Department of Defense Civilians Serving Overseas:

As a community, we have the opportunity each fall to make charitable contributions through the Department of Defense (DoD) Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas (CFC-O), effectively extending our service to the Nation and the world. The tagline for the 2014 CFC-O is a simple, yet powerful sentiment: "Give to make a difference.

Give because you care." No matter how large or small your pledge, every dollar you give through the CFC-O makes a difference. The CFC-O provides critical funding to more than 2,600 charitable organizations that provide services such as helping communities recover after disasters, finding cures for diseases, rehabilitating wounded warriors, and supporting deployed service members and their families.

To those who have given in the past, I thank you for your generosity and encourage you to continue your support. To those who have never participated in the campaign, I urge you to consider joining me in supporting this longtime tradition of caring by making a contribution to support a cause that is close to your heart.

In 2013, DoD CFC-O donors pledged nearly \$11 million for those in need, including \$500,000 for Family Support and Youth Programs, which enhance the quality of life programs in our overseas military communities. It is my hope that 2014 brings another successful campaign. Together, we can create change in the world, offering help and hope to those in need.

On behalf of people around the world whose lives will be touched by your generosity, thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Chuck Hagel", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single blue line.