April 15, 2019

The Honorable Gus M. Bilirakis House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Bilirakis:

Thank you for your letter asking to be an addressee of a GAO review on lead in military privatized houses. This review is mandated by a provision in the Joint Explanatory Statement accompanying the Department of Defense and Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act, 2019 and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019.

We have discussed your interest with staff for the Chairmen and Ranking Members of the Senate and House Subcommittees on Defense, Committee on Appropriations and Committees on Armed Services, and they welcome you as a corequester of this work. Your letter has been forwarded to Ms. Cathleen A. Berrick, Managing Director, Defense Capabilities and Management. Ms. Berrick or a member of her team will be in contact with Shayne Woods to discuss the engagement.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Berrick at 202-512-3404 or berrickc@gao.gov, or Ms. Tina Won Sherman, Assistant Director for Congressional Relations, on my staff at 202-512-8461 or shermant@gao.gov.

Sincerely yours,

Orice Williams Brown Managing Director Congressional Relations

cc: Shayne Woods

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