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The Honorable Janet Napolitano
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Dear Madam Secretary:

I attended a meeting last week where I was asked to respond to various news reports indicating that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has solicited bids to purchase more than 1.6 billion rounds of ammunition over the next five years.

Upon further study of the issue I have come to understand that there is growing public concern surrounding the Department's procurement of ammunition. As such I respectfully request a congressional briefing from Department officials to explain the foundation and the need for this acquisition.

I believe this briefing will provide DHS with an opportunity to educate members of Congress and their staff on the Department's procedures and protocols for its procurement of ammunition and to dispel any potential misinformation currently in the public domain.

If you have any questions concerning my request I would ask the Department to contact Mr. John Byers at 202-225-5361. I look forward to your response. Best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leonard Lance".

Leonard Lance
Member of Congress