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The following comments on the Joint Strategic Plan are submitted in accordance with Public Law 110-403 (Oct 13, 2008).

The Military Order of Foreign Wars represents members of the Armed Forces, past and present, who have fought our nation's battles. We are a member organization of The National Military and Veterans Alliance comprised of 31 organizations representing some 2.5 million active, reserve, National Guard, retired, veterans, their families and survivors.

Military personnel who have seen combat and all of the nation's veterans have first hand interest in intellectual property protection and enforcement. We need to insure continuing innovation and improvement in all forms of military innovation and especially in medical procedures, products and medicine involving acute and chronic disease and injury. Advances in these fields are critical to survival on the battlefield and in treating wounded and injured veterans dealing with service connected disabilities the remainder of their lives. Areas such as tropical diseases, advances in restoring damaged neural pathways, traumatic brain injury, improvements in treatment and restoration of severe limb injury and loss need adequate, effective protection. Failure to develop an effective Federal effort against intellectual property infringement has a serious impact on individual quality of life and on our national security. Our nation leads the world in medical innovation and needs to continue this preeminence.

We thank you for your initiative in this area and stand ready to help in any way possible.

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