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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 American Military Society represents members of the active and retired military community and veterans and their families. 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.

This community has a deep and personal interest in intellectual property protection and enforcement to insure continuing innovation and improvement 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 would have a serious impact not only individual quality of life, but also on our national security. Our nation leads the world in medical innovation and needs to continue this preeminence.

We are encouraged by this effort and look forward to working with you on this vital program.

Respectfully Submitted,

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