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Please accept the following comments on the Joint Strategic Plan in accordance with Public Law 110-403 (October 13, 2008):

The Army Navy Union, USA, Inc. represents members of the active and retired military community and their families. We are a member organization of The National Military Veterans Alliance, comprised of 31 organizations and representing some 2.5 million active, reserve, National Guard, retired, veterans, their families and survivors.

The community has a deep and personal interest in intellectual property protection and enforcement to ensure continuing innovation and improvement in medical procedures, products and medicine involving acute and chronic diseases and injury. Advances in these fields are critical to survival on the battlefield and in treating wounded and injured veterans, and in dealing with service-connected disabilities for 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 and effective protection. Failure to develop an effective Federal effort against intellectual property infringement would have a serious impact not only on individual quality of life, but also on our **national security**. Our nation leads the world in medical innovation and we must ensure that this preeminence continues!

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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