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**From:** Lew, Jacob J <LewJJ@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 20, 2010 7:45 PM  
**To:** H; Mills, Cheryl D  
**Cc:** Verma, Richard R; Sullivan, Jacob J  
**Subject:** RE: Sec Gates

Thanks -- that is great. Rich Verma circulated to Jake and me a draft letter for Sec. Gates that reflects this framing -- we are reviewing tonight. I also spoke with Randy DeValk in Sen Reid's office who was very frustrated with the budget committee process and urged me to call Sens Cardin and Nelson, which I am doing.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** H [mailto:HDR22@clintonemail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 20, 2010 7:09 PM  
**To:** Mills, Cheryl D; Lew, Jacob J  
**Subject:** Sec Gates

He called Conrad and Spratt for DOD and made our case too. He is willing to send a letter tomorrow. He told me he argued that Congress needed to look at our budgets together and if there is a freeze or cutbacks, it should be on "non-national security discretionary funding." So, he wants to help.