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**From:** Carson, Johnnie <CarsonJ@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2012 9:55 AM  
**To:** H  
**Cc:** Mills, Cheryl D  
**Subject:** RE: Advanced Copy of DRC Report: Taking a Stand on Security Sector Reform

Madam Secretary:

Enclosed is a draft response to Ben Affleck's email to you. Sorry for the delay. We were trying to get clearances thru the building. This draft has only been cleared thru AF, but I am confident about the judgments and statements in the proposed email. I think this is a positive response and should answer the mail. [REDACTED]

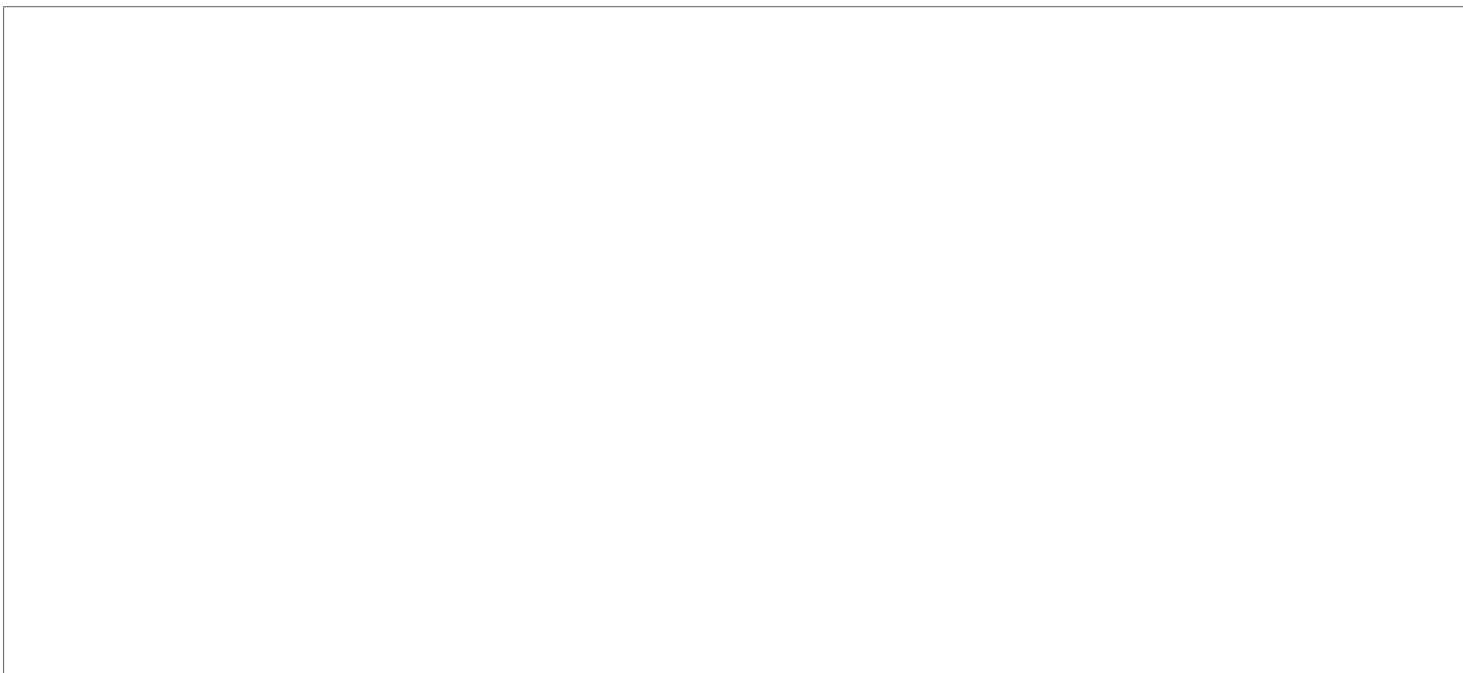
[REDACTED] If you want to me to do any additional outreach, please let me know. Johnnie

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Proposed DRAFT:

Dear Ben,

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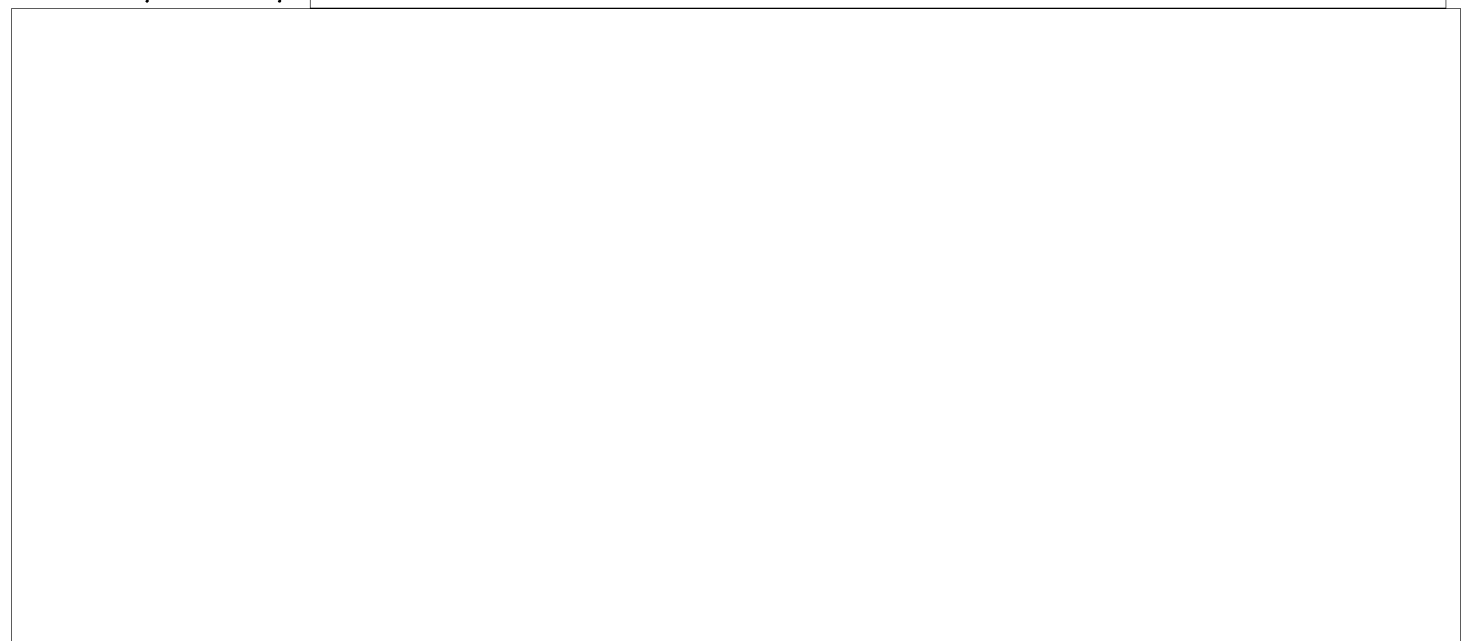
**From:** H [mailto:HDR22@clintonemail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2012 8:59 AM  
**To:** Carson, Johnnie  
**Cc:** Mills, Cheryl D  
**Subject:** Re: Advanced Copy of DRC Report: Taking a Stand on Security Sector Reform

I haven't yet received a draft and would like to respond today.

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**From:** Carson, Johnnie [mailto:CarsonJ@state.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2012 11:41 AM  
**To:** H  
**Cc:** Mills, Cheryl D <MillsCD@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Advanced Copy of DRC Report: Taking a Stand on Security Sector Reform

Madam Secretary: I think you should respond to Ben Affleck's note, and we can prepare and send a draft for you to consider by COB today. 



[redacted] I will have an uncleared draft response to Ben's note  
to you by COB our time today. Johnnie

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**From:** H [mailto:HDR22@clintonemail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2012 8:50 AM  
**To:** Carson, Johnnie  
**Cc:** Mills, Cheryl D  
**Subject:** Fw: Advanced Copy of DRC Report: Taking a Stand on Security Sector Reform

I'd like to respond to Ben Affleck. Pls advise. Thx.

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**From:** bena [redacted] [mailto:bena [redacted]]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2012 12:34 AM  
**To:** H  
**Subject:** Advanced Copy of DRC Report: Taking a Stand on Security Sector Reform

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Dear Secretary Clinton,

In partnership with an international coalition of civil society organizations, Eastern Congo Initiative (ECI) is launching a joint report on security sector reform in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and I've attached an advanced copy for you.

The report discusses the opportunity that now exists for the international community to partner with the Government of the DRC to reform the security sector and, in doing so, take concrete steps towards creating a better future for the country. This report describes a path towards greater security if reform of the military, police and judicial sector is supported by firm commitments from the government of the DRC and the international community.

The report maintains that the underlying reason for many of the problems in the DRC is the pervasive lack of security throughout the country. It offers a critical look at the symptoms that a weak military, police and justice system project on the population as well as the root causes of the horrible reality of daily life in the DRC; lack of political will. Past attempts at military reform have failed mainly due to the lack of political will from the Congolese government, and the international community's shortfalls in supporting and encouraging the momentum needed for reform.

Yet we believe this can change, and the time for that change is now. The recent conviction of Thomas Lubanga by the International Criminal Court and the call or the arrest of Bosco Ntanganda by the President of the DRC proves that progress is possible.

At ECI we see the hope and inspiration in the Congolese people in our everyday work. We are committed to finding the path forward and partnering with those who also want to build a brighter future for the Congolese.

Thank you for doing your part,

Ben Affleck

Writer, Director and Founder of Eastern Congo Initiative