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Dear Uniformed Service Members and Department of Defense Civilians Serving Overseas:

This fall we have another chance to make charitable contributions through the Department of Defense Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas (CFC-O). Contributing to the CFC-O enables you to carry on the military tradition of generosity and embodies the theme of the 2015 campaign: "Give because you care."

The CFC-O includes thousands of charities that depend upon support from contributors like you to help those in need at home and around the world. With so many choices, you are sure to find a cause that speaks to your heart. No matter what you are passionate about, there is a charity for you in the CFC-O. Our collective contributions will help develop cures for diseases, rehabilitate wounded warriors, feed the hungry, house those displaced by natural disasters, and much more.

I would like to thank those who have generously given in the past and urge you to continue that tradition in the 2015 campaign. If you have never participated in the CFC, I hope you will consider joining me this year in supporting this effort by extending your service and giving because you care. Remember, each donation, large or small, makes a difference in the lives of those in need.

In 2014, CFC-O donors pledged more than \$8.2 million for those in need, including more than \$360,000 for Family Support and Youth Programs, which enhance the quality of life programs in our overseas military communities. As we work together, we can make 2015 another successful campaign year to provide help and hope for those in need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ash Carter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.