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Ms. Stephanie Possehl Defense Standardization Executive 3030 Defense Pentagon, Room 3C160 Washington DC 20301-3030

Dear Ms. Possehl,

On behalf of the Department of the Air Force Standardization community and myself as the lead executive I want to congratulate the Defense Standardization Program (DSP) on their 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

Since 1952 the DSP has advanced international standards, modernized DoD practices, created business efficiencies, and improved interoperability of our systems. In recent years, the DSP has taken initiative in key areas such as open systems, model based engineering, and human systems integration, fostering collaboration and synergy across the Department and with our industry and international partners. Without DSP governance, community leadership, engagement with non-government standards entities, and prioritization of resources and technology, such advances would not have been possible.

The DSP represents a strong, vibrant, and dedicated community that I have been privileged to be part of for over 15 years, witnessing the program's achievements in engineering, technical, and business standards. I and look forward to continued collaboration with our Department of the Air Force standardization activities.

My thanks to your team and congratulations on this significant anniversary!

Sincerely

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