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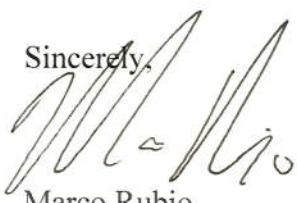
Senator Todd Young
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Dear Senator Young,

Thank you for your inquiry seeking clarification on my letter to Chairman Risch this morning about the status of U.S. Armed Forces in Venezuela.

As I wrote to him in my letter, as with previous military operations, should there be any new military operations that introduce U.S. Armed Forces into hostilities, they will be undertaken consistent with the Constitution of the United States and we will transmit written notifications consistent with section 4(a) of the War Powers Resolution (Public Law 93-148). Should the President determine that he intends to introduce U.S. Armed Forces into hostilities in major military operations in Venezuela, he would seek congressional authorization in advance (circumstances permitting), consistent with the Constitution of the United States and other legal obligations.

Sincerely,



Marco Rubio