

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Mr. Glenn Fine
Acting Inspector General
Office of Inspector General
U.S. Department of Defense
4800 Mark Center Drive
Alexandria, VA 22350-1500

Dear Mr. Fine:

I write to request that the Department of Defense (DOD) Office of Inspector General (OIG) investigate Kuwait and Gulf Link Transport (KGL) in addition to any affiliated subsidiaries and their past and current compliance with Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR). Additionally, I request the OIG investigate if KGL and any affiliated subsidiaries have violated any U.S. sanctions imposed on the country of Iran.

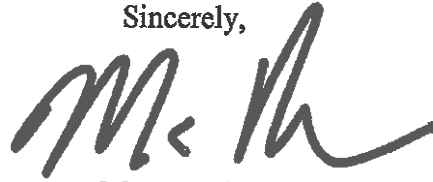
Kuwait and Gulf Link Transport is a publicly traded Kuwaiti company specializing in supporting U.S. military contracts. To date, reports based on court filings and testimony taken under oath point to possible KGL dealings with shipping interests, ports, and front companies that may be in direct violation of the Iran Sanctions Act. According to a 2011 Project on Government Oversight (POGO) report, KGL circumvented U.S. sanctions against Iran by utilizing cargo vessels Merjan and the Awafi to provide logistic support to and from Iran.

There are other allegations associated with senior members of KGL, which point to extensive involvement in the illegal selling of aircraft parts, and possible money laundering associated with Iranian actors. These accusations highlight significant concerns with KGL as a company directly involved with supporting U.S. assets in the Middle East region. The Kuwait Port Authority with its 2017 Administrative Resolution, No. 659 echoes KGL's mismanagements of U.S. defense contracts. The Kuwait Port Authority claims KGL trespassed an area totaling one million square meters at Mina Abdullah Area without justifications of facts or law as well as KGL International Ports, Storage, and Transportation Company owing an estimated 2,700,000 Kuwaiti Dinars from the July 1, 2002 to December 31, 2015. The Kuwaiti Port Authority point to fictitious financial documents provided by KGL that further add to the company's lack of integrity and openly willingness to break Kuwaiti law. The Kuwait Port Authority decision to forbid conducting any further business with KGL or its affiliates is a clear indication of the lack of trust the Port Authority has in KGL, and the United States should be equally concerned.

The allegations surrounding KGL, from possible violations of the Iran Sanctions Act to Kuwait authorities formally banning KGL and its affiliates from conducting business, support the need for the Department of Defense Office of Inspector General to determine if KGL's

actions warrant its debarment and suspension from any U.S. contracting as well as any violation of U.S. sanctions. Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Rubio', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Marco Rubio
United States Senator