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Dear Dr. Sher,

I recently learned of the remarkable service you are providing to deploying troopers by performing corrective eye surgery free of charge. On behalf of the many service members of Multi-National Force – Iraq now serving alongside your patients, I would like to offer heartfelt thanks.

As I recently noted in my testimony before Congress, the support of American citizens for their men and women in uniform is both extraordinary and critical. Our young troopers continue to serve, against all popular expectation and in the face of difficult circumstances, in part because they know they are appreciated by their country. Your provision of free corrective eye surgery is an exceptional and tangible expression of that appreciation, and you can rest assured that it is making a difference in the day-to-day lives of those service members you have treated.

Incidentally, the Soldiers who just completed a tour serving as my protective services detail belong to the Minnesota Reserve. They served with professionalism and distinction; it was my pleasure to serve alongside them. The people of Minnesota can be proud of the work their young people do here.

Again, thank you for your sacrifice; it means more than you can know.

With best wishes from Baghdad,

Thanks you!

David H. Petraeus
General, United States Army
Commanding