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The Honorable Francis J. Harvey  
Secretary of the United States Army  
Office of the Secretary of the Army  
Washington, DC 20310

Dear Secretary Harvey:

I am writing to request that you consider upgrading the Bronze Star that was posthumously awarded to Sergeant Luis Montes.

As you may be aware, during recent combat operations on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September near Abu Ghraib, Iraq, Sergeant Luis Montes, a constituent of mine, lost his life. Sergeant Montes died after returning to his three-man tank to rescue the two other soldiers stuck inside. In recognition of Sergeant Montes' extraordinary efforts, the Army awarded him a Purple Heart and Bronze Star.

The press reports about the incident, which I have enclosed for your review, report that Sergeant Montes' selfless performance of duty was indeed heroic and in keeping with the great traditions of the United States Army. Thus, I am requesting that you consider upgrading Sergeant Montes' Bronze Star Medal!

If you have any questions about this request, please call me or Thaddeus Hoffmeister from my office at (202) 225-8045. I eagerly await your response.

Sincerely,

**BOB FILNER**  
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