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## **Statement of Senator Carl Levin on the Resignations of the Secretary of the Air Force and the Air Force Chief of Staff**

WASHINGTON – Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, issued the following statement on the announcement by Secretary of Defense Robert Gates that he was accepting the resignations of Secretary of the Air Force Michael Wynne and Air Force Chief of Staff Michael Moseley.

“Secretary Gates’ focus on accountability is essential and had been absent from the Office of the Secretary of Defense for too long. The safety and security of America’s nuclear weapons must receive the highest priority, just as it must in other countries. The Secretary took appropriate action following the reports of the Defense Science Board, the Air Force’s own internal review, and now most recently, the report of Admiral Donald showing that the underlying security of our nuclear weapons has been degraded.

“I want to express my gratitude to Air Force Secretary Michael Wynne and Air Force Chief of Staff General Michael Moseley for their many years of service, and I wish them well.”