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Mr. Dominic J. Mancini  
Acting Deputy Administrator  
Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs  
Office of Management and Budget  
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Mr. Mancini:

In accordance with title 5, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Act, Part 1320.13, "Emergency Processing," the Department of Defense requests emergency processing and approval of a public information collection. The purpose of this emergency submission is to conduct focus groups and a survey while the country is experiencing a period of relative stability. The goal of the project is to better understand views of political activism in the Middle East and, more specifically, to inform future US government efforts in countering violent extremism and in identifying factors that dissuade individuals from supporting violent extremist groups. The Paperwork Reduction Act submission package and the Statement of Determination have been uploaded into ROCIS.

The Department of Defense cannot reasonably comply with the normal clearance procedures under title 5, CFR, Part 1320. Complying with the normal clearance procedures is likely to delay or disrupt the collection of information that could have a positive impact on national security. The information collection is essential to the mission of the Department. Given this, the Department is requesting emergency approval by September 18, 2015.

This Emergency Information Collection Request has been coordinated with the Office of the DoD CIO.

Please contact me for any additional information at 571-372-0493, or [frederick.c.licari.civ@mail.mil](mailto:frederick.c.licari.civ@mail.mil).

Sincerely,

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DoD Clearance Officer