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***Open Letter to a Landmine Hero***

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Dear Paul Cottle,

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We at the US Campaign to Ban Landmines are inspired by your bold decision to quit your job at MacDonald, Dettwiler and Associates following its purchase by Alliant Technsystems (ATK).

The courage you displayed in giving up your personal security for the protection of others serves as an inspiration to us all. It's easy to think an individual can't make a difference and to forgo taking action; you used your power and have raised questions about the prudence of the corporate sale.

Amnesty International USA  
202-544-0200

Evangelical Lutheran  
Church In America  
202-783-7507

We truly appreciate your compelling defense of the Mine Ban Treaty. We believe, as you have stated, that ATK's production of the Spider mine system would violate the Mine Ban Treaty. The presence of a "battle override" mode (or a "set-and-forget" mode as you aptly term it) makes the weapon functionally equivalent to other anti-personnel mines banned by the treaty.

Physicians for  
Human Rights  
617-301-4200

Handicap International-USA  
301-891-3002

Whether or not the sale ultimately proceeds, your efforts have not been in vain. You made many more people aware of the indiscriminate effects of cluster bombs, landmines and depleted uranium. The struggle against the use of these weapons is ongoing and those you have educated can serve as powerful allies in future efforts.

Human Rights Watch  
202-612-4321

We wish you luck in your new work; with the integrity you displayed, we know that you won't have any trouble finding it!

Jesuit Refugee  
Service/USA  
202-462-0400

Thanks again for your courage.

Landmine Survivors  
Network  
202-464-0007

Best wishes,

Roots of Peace  
415-455-8884

United Methodist Church  
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of Church Society  
202-488-5600

Adopt-A-Minefield, UNA-USA  
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