



Department of Justice

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To the Senate Ethics, Government Affairs, Domestic Policy, and Judiciary Committee:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Secretary of Defense Mattis in response to messaging from Jtport's demand for an in-game hearing with the Secretary. While the Secretary is open to a hearing and providing the committee with all the necessary facts, it is not only unnecessary but a hindrance to communication to force the hearing to be within a ROBLOX game.

As all of you know, the primary communication platform for the government in NUSA is Discord. Every single government organization operates a server on Discord with all their correspondence along with most servers having public accessibility options. When Chairman Jtport informed the Secretary that the hearing will be in-game, he stated that "the public should see their senate does things" [\[1\]](#), implying that a game is the only efficient way of doing so. While there is an argument to be made about ensuring the use of ROBLOX in our community, this is about government transparency, not roleplaying. With public hearing options being possible on Discord in a more efficient manner (virtually no lag, no overly-burdensome censors, etc.) along with transcripts, the Chairman's statement is simply not true. In addition, the Chairman rescinded his intentions to holding a public hearing [\[2\]](#), which only makes the "necessity" of an in-game hearing questionable at best.

In addition to the previous point, all of us know that ROBLOX games have more lag than Discord. Disconnections occur, the censors are insane, you can't provide documents or website links, there are chat limits; I can keep going. If the true intentions of the Chairman and of the Committee are to find all the facts, then all of us know that this is best done on a Discord server and an in-game session is significantly more difficult to operate and coordinate.

By sending this letter, I hope that the members of the Committee can understand the inefficiency of moving these procedures in-game; I sincerely have not been given a single legitimate argument in favor that wasn't immediately countered.

Thank you,

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