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To: David Gersten

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Subject: CVE Meeting with Paul Goldenberg and Michael Masters--December 19th?

Good Afternoon David,

As a follow up to your recent conversation with Paul Goldenberg regarding the ongoing Countering Targeted Violence against Our Communities (CTVAC) initiative being spearheaded by Cook County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Executive Director Michael Masters, Paul asked me to reach out to you to see about scheduling a meeting next month for Paul and Michael to brief you on the efforts to date and bring you up to speed as we move forward.

By way of background, earlier this year, the Cook County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM), with the support of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and in partnership with the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), began the development of a forward-leaning initiative focused on Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) in Cook County. The initiative seeks to counter the rise of violent extremism by empowering communities to take control of their own security through a comprehensive community engagement strategy and training programs. The two-pronged approach will consist of the education of law enforcement, faith-based organizations, and NGOs with an innovative curriculum and the implementation of a community engagement focused model for creating a safer Cook County.

Expanding the scope of CVE/HVE to meet local issues and concerns, the DHSEM developed "Countering Targeted Violence against our Communities" (CTVAC), a community-based program and training initiative that seeks to counter targeted violence against faith-based communities and the population at large. Equally important, the program seeks to engage law enforcement and community leaders in a collaborative, cooperative approach to countering the messages, and messengers, of violent extremist ideologies and seeks to prevent and protect against the recruitment of vulnerable or susceptible individuals to violence.

The DHSEM CTVAC initiative aligns with both DHS and White House strategies on countering violent extremism, but expands the scope and aligns with other local-level priorities, such as building resilience for all hazards, whether manmade or natural. It also recognizes that real success can only be achieved at the local level, by building community and law enforcement relationships of trust, mutual respect and collective concern for violent extremism and houses of worship that are frequently targeted by this violence. The initiative, supported by DHS and the IACP, has engaged some of the nation's foremost CVE and community policing thought leaders and is being developed as a robust pilot program which aims to become a national model and practice.

Training course curriculum will target three core groups: faith-based and community organizations, law enforcement chiefs, and front line law enforcement officers and supervisors. The training curriculum will bridge an often recognized gap between law enforcement and communities, and will establish a unified, collaborative, and cooperative approach amongst all stakeholders. The DHSEM CVE initiative will be on of the first county-wide programs to include community-driven strategy alongside a strong community policing component to empower communities to prevent, interdict, and build resiliency to violent extremism and other mass casualty attacks.

Recognizing the importance of continued DHS engagement and support of this critical initiatives, we'd like to schedule a meeting with you to discuss this effort in further detail. We've preliminarily identified **Friday**, **December 19th** as a date we plan to be in D.C. and hope we can schedule a meeting with you that morning. Please let me know if you are available.

Thank you in advance for your ongoing support and leadership on this issue. We look forward to discussing the DHSEM CTVAC initiative with you next month.

Kind regards,

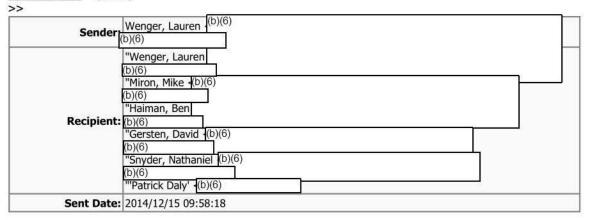
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