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No concerns from me on this one!

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2014 2:14 PM
To: Front Office Staff Clearance
Subject: Clearance Request: Thank you letter to resigning HSAC member Governor O'Malley

Good afternoon,

Attached for your review and clearance, please find the cover memo and draft thank you letter to Governor O'Malley, who recently tendered his resignation from the Homeland Security Advisory Council.

This letter was drafted by PLCY for S1 signature and has been cleared by the following Components:

- OGC/Prudence Carr – 3/12/2014
- MGMT/Michael Russell – 3/13/2014
- IGA/Alaina Clark – 4/15/2014

This letter was briefly placed on hold by IGA pending the response to Governor O'Malley's secure communities letter, to which S1 signed a response on 4/9. This response is also attached to this email as background.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Kalee Rinehart
Office of the Executive Secretary
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U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

FROM:

David Heyman *David Heyman*
Assistant Secretary for Policy

SUBJECT:

Request for Signature: **Homeland Security Advisory Council (HSAC) Thank You for Service Letter for Governor Martin O'Malley (WF 1011439)**

Context: The Honorable Martin O'Malley, Governor of the State of Maryland, tendered his resignation from the HSAC, Tuesday, March 4, 2014. Governor O'Malley was appointed by former Secretary Napolitano to the HSAC in June 2009, and reappointed in September 2012. Governor O'Malley is resigning before his term expires in September 2014. Governor O'Malley served in the position of HSAC Council Member. With his departure, your council membership stands at 33 out of a possible 35 positions.

The HSAC is the Secretary's primary advisory Council. The HSAC was established in 2002, via Executive Order 13260, to advise the White House Office of Homeland Security, and was reconstituted as a Federal Advisory Committee Act-chartered committee by then Secretary Tom Ridge during DHS's formation. HSAC members are Special Government Employees who serve as senior advisors and, upon request by the Secretary, provide organizationally independent advice and recommendations on homeland security policies, programs, and operations.

Governor O'Malley previously served as the Chair of the HSAC's Community Resilience Task Force and a member of the Countering Violent Extremism Working Group. Both of these HSAC subcommittees have provided key recommendations that the Department has implemented.

Coordination: This action has been coordinated with the Department's Committee Management Office, OGC, and MGMT.

OGC/Chief Counsel Coordination: This document has been reviewed in its entirety for legal sufficiency by DCOS Prudence Carr and it has not been substantially changed since her review.

Timeliness: There is no timeliness concern related to this letter.

Transmittal: The signed letter may be mailed directly to Governor O'Malley using the address shown on the thank you letter.

Executive Secretariat Recommendation: I recommend you sign the enclosed letter.

Elisa Montoya, Executive Secretary

Date

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The Honorable Martin O'Malley
Governor of Maryland
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Governor O'Malley:

I would like to express my gratitude for your diligent service on the Homeland Security Advisory Council.

The Council has made significant contributions through its critical advice on matters such as the National Terrorism Advisory System, information sharing, sustainability and efficiency, emergency preparedness, cybersecurity, and issues relating to the Southwest border. The Council has been an important partner to our Department across all of our mission areas and has been instrumental in our success as an agency over the past 11 years.

Your work demonstrates that advisory bodies are a crucial element in advancing the mission of the Department. Specifically, your leadership on the Community Resilience Task Force and the Countering Violent Extremism Working Group were of a particular value to the Department.

On behalf of all the individuals with whom you worked at the Department, thank you for your time and service. You have helped empower and improve the foundation upon which the Department will confront future challenges.

Sincerely,

Jeh Charles Johnson



Homeland Security

April 9, 2014

The Honorable Martin O'Malley
Governor of Maryland
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Governor O'Malley:

Thank you for your letter regarding the administration of the Secure Communities program by the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

The White House recently announced that President Obama had directed me to review our deportation policies to see if these policies could be conducted in a more humane manner. I began to take a hard look at these issues before I took office, when I pledged to the President and Congress to continually reevaluate our removal priorities to ensure our resources are strategically focused on our enforcement priorities. That process is ongoing, and will be conducted expeditiously.

I have been assessing how DHS as a whole can best focus on sensible and effective immigration enforcement that first prioritizes the removal of individuals who pose a threat to national security, public safety, and border security. The Secure Communities program was designed to advance these priorities by using an already-existing Federal information-sharing partnership to identify criminal offenders. I am reviewing this and other programs to make sure they are aligned with sound law enforcement practice that prioritizes public safety.

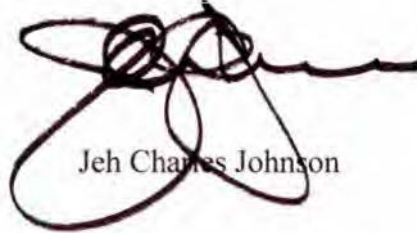
As stated in your letter, cooperation among law enforcement agencies is essential. I am committed to working with you, other state officials, our law enforcement partners, and stakeholders to assess how DHS can best exercise its discretion and refine its priorities in order to ensure that we are truly protecting national security, public safety, and border security.

Enclosed is more detailed information regarding the removal of individuals for whom ICE did not have record of a criminal conviction or who were Level 3 offenders and who were initially identified through the Secure Communities program's use of federal biometric information sharing in Baltimore City between October 2012 and December 2013.

The Honorable Martin O'Malley
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Thank you for your interest in this important matter. Should you need additional information please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 282-8203.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jeh Charles Johnson". The signature is stylized with large loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Enclosure