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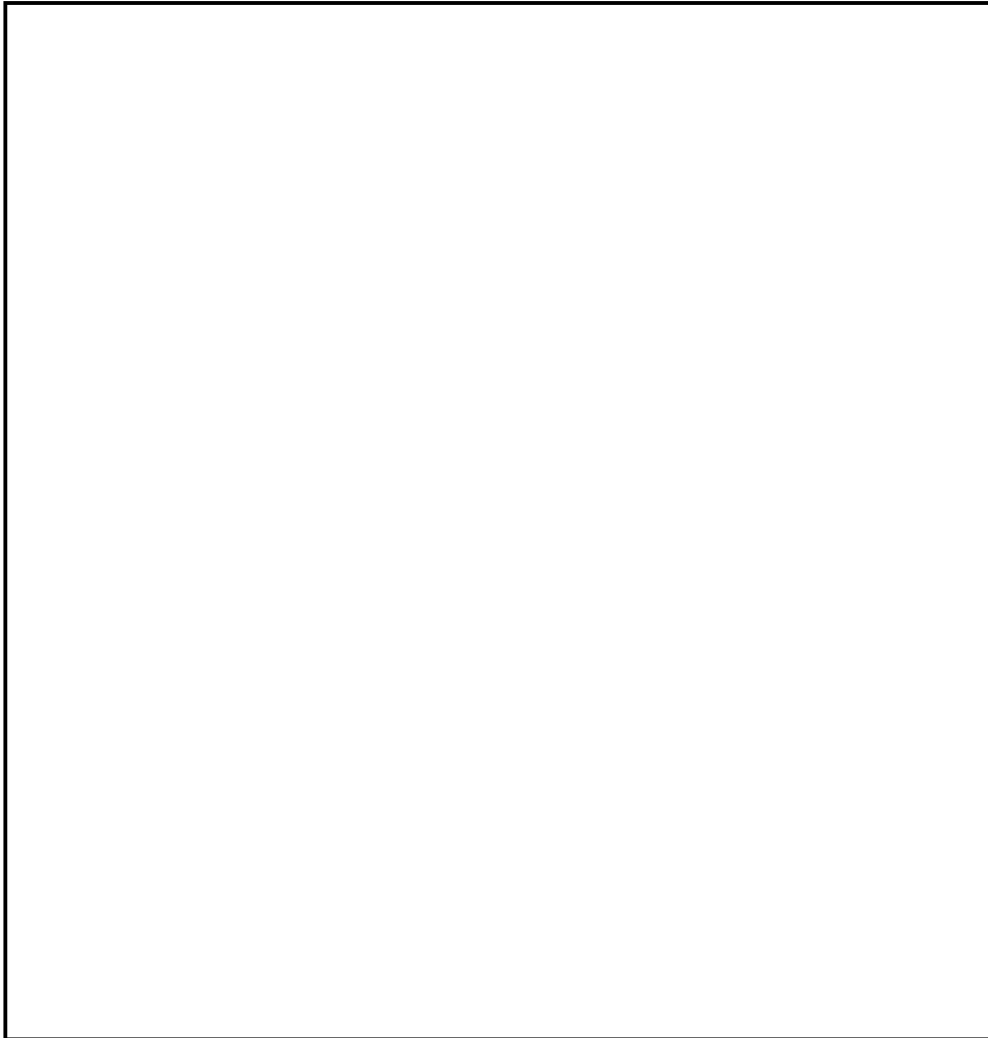
I. Introduction

Good morning Chairman Leahy, Senator Sessions, and members of the Committee. I am pleased to be here today.

As you know, we in the FBI have undergone unprecedented transformation in recent years, from developing the intelligence capabilities necessary to address emerging terrorist and criminal threats, to creating the administrative and technological structure to meet our mission as a national security service.

We have worked diligently to become a full partner in the Intelligence Community. With that comes the responsibility to ensure that we consistently collect, analyze, and disseminate intelligence to those who need it, from our Federal partners in the Central Intelligence Agency, the National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC), the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, and the Department of Homeland Security, among others, to our international, State, local, and tribal counterparts. As I have often said, today we share information by rule, and withhold by exception.

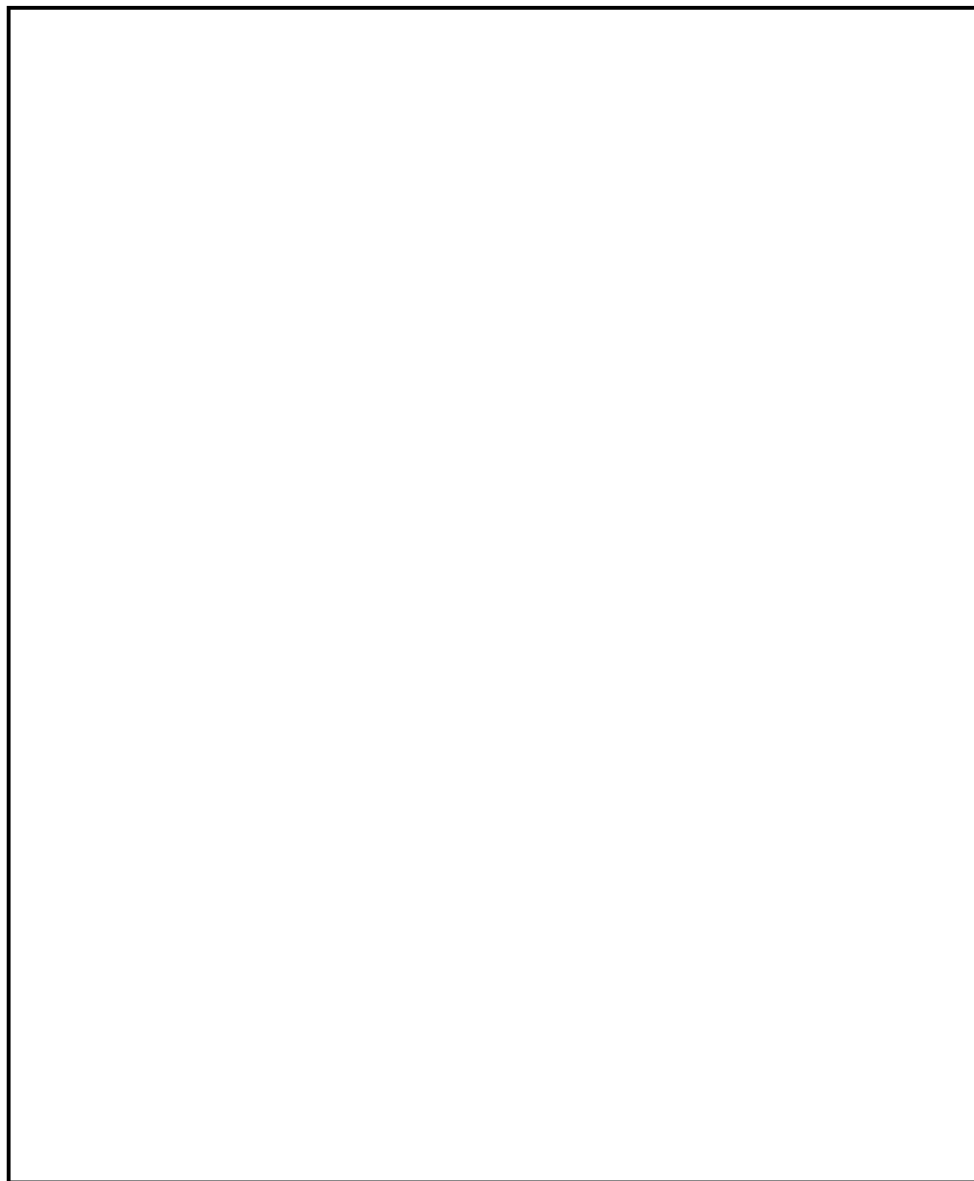
As recent events indicate, terrorists remain determined to strike America. We are particularly concerned about individuals who may be radicalized overseas, both those who live in America and those who live overseas, and who may one day return to the United States to perpetrate terrorist attacks. We in the FBI, with our partners in the Intelligence Community, must do everything possible to ensure that does not happen. This will require constant vigilance



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As part of the LEO platform, the FBI is delivering the eGuardian system – an unclassified counterterrorism tool available to our federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement partners through the FBI's secure LEO internet portal. Guardian makes threat and suspicious activity information immediately available to all authorized users. The eGuardian system will work in tandem with Guardian, enabling law enforcement personnel to receive the most current information. In return, any potential terrorist threat or suspicious activity information provided

by law enforcement will be made available in Guardian entries and pushed outward to the FBI task forces.



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