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The Honorable Janet Napolitano  
Secretary, Department of Homeland Security  
United States Department of Homeland Security  
Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Secretary Napolitano:

**LETTER OF SUPPORT** (b) (6)

I am writing to express my appreciation and support for the continued presence and support of (b) (6) in Los Angeles, representing the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The Office of Strategic Engagement's presence in Los Angeles has been of tremendous value to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and local law enforcement. It is my hope that this position and presence in Los Angeles continues, and your consideration for making a permanent office representing DHS in Los Angeles, is welcomed by all local law enforcement and government partners.

For the past year, (b) (6) became a member of the Outreach Coordinators Group and assisted in the coordination of all Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) training to meet DHS standards. (b) (6) became a mentor in support of community engagement and his presence encouraged other local and state law enforcement agencies to become actively involved in countering extremism by outreach and engagement.

The model of having a representative for Department of Homeland Security in Los Angeles has proven to be successful and I encourage and support taking this initiative to other major cities around the country. (b) (6) was very instrumental in the development of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department/Countering Violent Extremism strategy. His input and partnership with the Muslim Community Affairs Unit is of great value and is considered an asset to local government and law enforcement as well as the community in Southern California.

On behalf of the men and women of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, I would like to thank you for your leadership and continued support to local law enforcement.

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*Best wishes for the New Year!*

*A Tradition of Service*

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