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WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6250

April 12, 2010

The Honorable Janet Napolitano  
Secretary  
Department of Homeland Security  
Washington, D.C. 20258

Dear Secretary Napolitano,

We write to bring to your personal attention the Government Accountability Office (GAO) report we requested entitled, *Concerted Effort Needed to Consolidate and Secure Internet Connections and Federal Agencies* (GAO-10-237). A copy of the report is enclosed for your review.

The Trusted Internet Connection (TIC) initiative, which was announced by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in November 2007, seeks to reduce and consolidate existing external connections to the Internet by federal agencies. DHS plays a critical role in ensuring the security of these external connections through the Einstein system.

Successful implementation of both TIC and Einstein must be achieved, as they provide valuable assistance to DHS in fulfilling its mission of ensuring the security of federal networks. The GAO makes clear that a number of steps should be taken to increase the likelihood of success, and to that end, we are pleased that DHS has concurred with GAO's findings, conclusions, and recommendations.

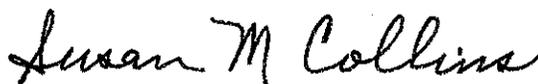
Given the importance of these initiatives, we would like to know what specific actions you will take to implement the six recommendations directed to DHS. We request that you report to the Committee by April 30th with specific information on the steps that DHS will be taking.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Adam Sedgewick at (202) 224-2627 with Senator Lieberman's staff, Devin O'Brien at (202) 224-4751 with Senator Collins's staff, and Erik Hopkins with Senator Carper's staff at (202) 224-7155.

Sincerely,



Joseph I. Lieberman  
Chairman



Susan M. Collins  
Ranking Member

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Carper". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tom" and last name "Carper" clearly legible.

Thomas R. Carper  
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Enclosure