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The Honorable Michael Chertoff  
Secretary  
The Department of Homeland Security  
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Dear Secretary Chertoff:

We are writing to solicit your input as we examine the roles, missions, and authorities of the Directorate of Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection (IAIP) at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) regarding intelligence collection, analysis, and dissemination and as we consider what legislative action might be appropriate.

As the WMD Commission confirmed in its recent report, DHS plays a vital role in the Intelligence Community as “the primary repository of information about what passes in and out of the country.” WMD Commission report, p. 32. And as the Commission described, DHS is “a critical participant in safeguarding the United States from nuclear, biological, or chemical attack.” However, the Commission found that DHS “faces challenges in all four roles it plays in the Intelligence Community—as collector, analyst, disseminator, and customer.” *Id.* The Commission thus recommended strengthening DHS’s relationship with the Intelligence Community.

The Homeland Security Act of 2002 created IAIP and gave it an expansive mandate regarding intelligence, law enforcement, and other information related to terrorism. Pub. L. No. 107-296, section 201 (2002). The Administration, however, subsequently formed the Terrorist Threat Integration Center (TTIC) to be the Executive Branch’s focal point for analyzing intelligence information related to terrorist threats. The Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004, following the 9/11 Commission’s recommendation, folded the TTIC into a new National Counterterrorism Center with broad authorities concerning counterterrorism intelligence. Pub. L. No. 108-458, section 1021 (2004).

We understand that you recently ordered a review of DHS’s operations and activities. We hope that the review will include a comprehensive assessment of IAIP’s roles, missions, and authorities concerning intelligence, to include IAIP’s relationship with (1) the Intelligence Community and other Executive Branch entities; (2) other DHS components; and (3) State, local,


and tribal governments and the private sector. We would appreciate any recommendations that you may have for amendments to the Homeland Security Act of 2002 that would clarify IAIP's roles and missions, provide IAIP with the requisite authorities, and secure DHS's access to intelligence generally.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.



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Sincerely,



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