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Security

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David Medine  
Chairman  
Privacy & Civil Liberties Oversight Board  
2100 K Street, NW, Suite 500  
Washington, DC 20427

Re: Privacy & Civil Liberties Oversight Board letter commenting on the draft 2014 Privacy and Civil Liberties Assessment Report

Dear Mr. Medine:

Thank for your letter of March 21<sup>st</sup> setting out the Privacy & Civil Liberties Oversight Board's (Board) observations concerning the draft 2014 Privacy and Civil Liberties Assessment Report, which our offices compiled pursuant to Executive Order 13636, *Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity* (EO), and suggestions for future reports.

As you know, Section 5 of the EO requires that senior agency officials for privacy and civil liberties assess the privacy and civil liberties impacts of the activities their respective departments and agencies have undertaken pursuant to the EO, and to publish their assessments annually in a report compiled by our offices. This year's report, the first in a series of annual reports, includes our offices' assessments of certain DHS activities under Section 4 of the EO (enhanced threat information sharing with the private sector) as well as assessments conducted independently by the Department of the Treasury and the Departments of Defense, Justice, Commerce, Health and Human Services, Transportation, and Energy, and by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence and the General Services Administration.

We very much appreciate the Board's thoughtful, detailed comments. We will use them as a starting point for evaluating the conduct of our assessments of DHS activities for future reports. We look forward to consulting with you as we prepare next year's report.

Sincerely,

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Megan H. Mack  
Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen L. Neuman".

Karen L. Neuman  
Chief Privacy Officer