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The Honorable Kirstjen M. Nielsen
Secretary of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Secretary Nielsen:

In the Department of Homeland Security's Initial Section 11 Report regarding Executive Order 13780: *Protecting the Nation From Foreign Terrorist Entry Into the United States*, page 2 contains the following passage regarding individuals convicted of international terrorism-related charges in U.S. federal courts between September 11, 2001 and December 31, 2016:

An analysis conducted by DHS determined that approximately 73 percent (402 of these 549 individuals) were foreign-born.

Page 10 contains the following passage:

In fiscal year 2017, DHS had 2,554 encounters with individuals on the terrorist watchlist (also known as the FBI's Terrorist Screening Database) traveling to the United States. Of those encounters, 335 were attempting to enter by land, 2,170 were attempting to enter by air, and 49 were attempting to enter by sea.

By way of this letter, the Border Trade Alliance respectfully requests data the Department has collected indicating how many of the aforementioned 73 percent of terrorism convictions were of individuals from Mexico. Furthermore, we request data indicating and how many of the 335 encounters by land with individuals on the terrorist watchlist resulted from attempted entries along the U.S. border with Mexico.

We appreciate your attention to this matter. You may contact me via email at brittonclarke@clarke.consulting. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Britton Clarke
President