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The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

We write to request information about the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) review of its Office of Intelligence and Analysis (I&A), which is responsible for providing intelligence to the DHS Intelligence Enterprise, the Intelligence Community (IC), and state and local partners. Although DHS provided some information about I&A's activities following the Committee's December 13, 2022 hearing,¹ we have not received sufficient information to examine I&A's operations and its role within DHS and as a member of the IC. We expect that you comply with our requests in full, providing a status update and any preliminary findings regarding DHS's ongoing "360" review of I&A.²

Following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, Congress passed the Homeland Security Act,³ which established a new office amid the wider reorganization of border security and emergency response agencies—later named I&A. Its workforce more than doubled from approximately 300 employees in Fiscal Year 2007 to nearly 800 employees in Fiscal Year 2023.⁴ However, over the years and in recent time, I&A has faced numerous challenges to complete its mission to equip the Homeland Security Enterprise with timely intelligence and the information it needs to keep the homeland safe, secure, and resilient, which raises serious concerns about its

¹ *Examining the Operations of the Office of Intelligence and Analysis: Hearing Before the H. Comm. on Homeland Security*, 117th Cong. (Dec. 13, 2022).

² *Id.* (testimony from Kenneth L. Wainstein, Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, Dep't of Homeland Security ("We are stepping back right now and doing a 360 review...that entails taking a look at the organization and seeing where it [DHS Office of Intelligence and Analysis] has the most value to our partners, particular state and locals...").

³ P.L. 107-296 (2002).

⁴ *Examining the Operations of the Office of Intelligence and Analysis: Hearing Before the H. Comm. on Homeland Security*, 117th Cong. (responses to questions for the record).

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operations.⁵ For instance, a DHS Office of Inspector General audit released in July 2022 reported more process improvements are needed to ensure effective and timely intelligence reporting.⁶

The Committee on Homeland Security must be fully informed of DHS's actions and plans to potentially reorganize any of its offices, to include I&A. Please provide a status update, including any preliminary findings regarding DHS's review of I&A. Please provide this information as soon as possible but not later than 5:00 p.m. on March 13, 2023. To the extent a complete response to this inquiry requires the provision of classified information, please do so under separate cover.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact Mary Croghan on the Committee staff at (202) 226-8417. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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Chairman



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⁵ See, e.g., Dep't of Homeland Security, Off. of Inspector Gen., *The Office of Intelligence and Analysis Needs to Improve Its Open Source Intelligence Reporting* OIG-22-50 (July 6, 2022); Dep't of Homeland Security, Off. of Inspector Gen., *Major Management and Performance Challenges Facing the Department of Homeland Security* OIG-23-01 (Oct. 27, 2022). Dep't of Homeland Security, Off. of Inspector Gen., *I&A Identified Threats Prior to January 6, 2021, but Did Not Issue Any Intelligence Products before the U.S. Capitol Breach (REDACTED)* OIG-22-29 (Mar. 4, 2022).

⁶ Dep't of Homeland Security, Off. of Inspector Gen., *The Office of Intelligence and Analysis Needs to Improve Its Open Source Intelligence Reporting* OIG-22-50 (July 6, 2022);