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The Honorable Bennie Thompson  
Chairman  
Committee on Homeland Security  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Thompson:

Thank you for your letter of June 19, 2007, regarding the System of Record Notice (SORN) for U.S. Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) Automated Targeting System. As you are aware, the Department of Homeland Security's Privacy Office and CBP received many comments regarding the SORN during the public comment period. In his letter to you, dated February 21, 2007, Commissioner Basham addressed the detailed concerns raised in your earlier correspondence.

After reviewing the privacy issues highlighted by your letter and those culled from other comments, DHS has decided to issue a new SORN for the Automated Targeting System. A draft of the new SORN is currently under review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), as a necessary pre-condition to issuance of the document. As soon as the SORN is approved by OMB and published in the *Federal Register*, we will be happy to provide you and your staff with a briefing on the contents of the SORN.

I appreciate your interest in Customs and Border Protection. If we may offer further assistance, please contact me at (202) 344-1760.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thaddeus M. Bingel".

Thaddeus M. Bingel  
Assistant Commissioner  
Office of Congressional Affairs