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RE: DATA BREACH AND COMPROMISE OF SENSITIVE  
INFORMATION

Dear Director Archuleta,

The Federal Probation & Pretrial Officers Association (FPPOA) is a 60 year-old professional organization dedicated to improving the federal court system for staff working with Federal Probation & Pretrial Services. We are the sole representative organization dedicated to Federal Probation & Pretrial Services staff. FPPOA currently represents sworn federal law enforcement officers employed by Federal Probation & Pretrial Services. I currently serve as the FPPOA President and have been a Federal Probation Officer since 1997.

FPPOA, along with other representative organizations for federal law enforcement officers, is deeply concerned for the personal safety of our officers and their families after the cyber-attack reported by OPM last month (June 2015). The database that was the target of the attack held extremely sensitive data of our membership, including pedigree data (age, gender, birth dates, social security numbers, etc.) of both members and their family members. The majority of our members also hold security clearances, which are as a result of background investigations conducted by OPM, which serves as a repository for this information.

On June 12, 2015, the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association submitted a similar letter to your attention regarding this matter, and requested a response in regards to specific concerns for federal law enforcement officers as indicated below:

- 1) Plans to identify those law enforcement officers hacked.
- 2) Notify both the officer and relevant agency regarding the hack.
- 3) Reveal the extent of the information compromised, and or stolen.
- 4) Perform or have performed a threat assessment of the hack for law enforcement officers.

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*5) Consider placing law enforcement officer's information in a separate and secure database with a higher level of protection.*

*6) Does a law enforcement officer's personnel file contain any identifying information as to occupation?*

*7) What steps are being taken to assess and cure the physical safety threat to our law enforcement officers and their families both domestically and abroad?*

FPPOA requests a response as well in regards to these concerns. We would also like to know what steps are being taken to protect the personal information of employee family member information that may have been compromised during the cyberattack.

Thank for your attention in the matter, and I look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,



Barbara Oswald  
FPPOA President